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A 'Thank You' Is Always Nice!

by D. A. Atkins

Being a city, county, or state employee or a politician is and has always been a thankless job to have. It seems like everything you do is expected (and rightfully so), but there are those who go the extra mile without any sort of appreciation being expressed.

Take the case of our own Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW employees have done so much work in the City, under the guidance of Director Jim Panos, that it isn't even funny.

Sure, if the Mayor or City Council says it has to be done, then they must do it — but to what degree?

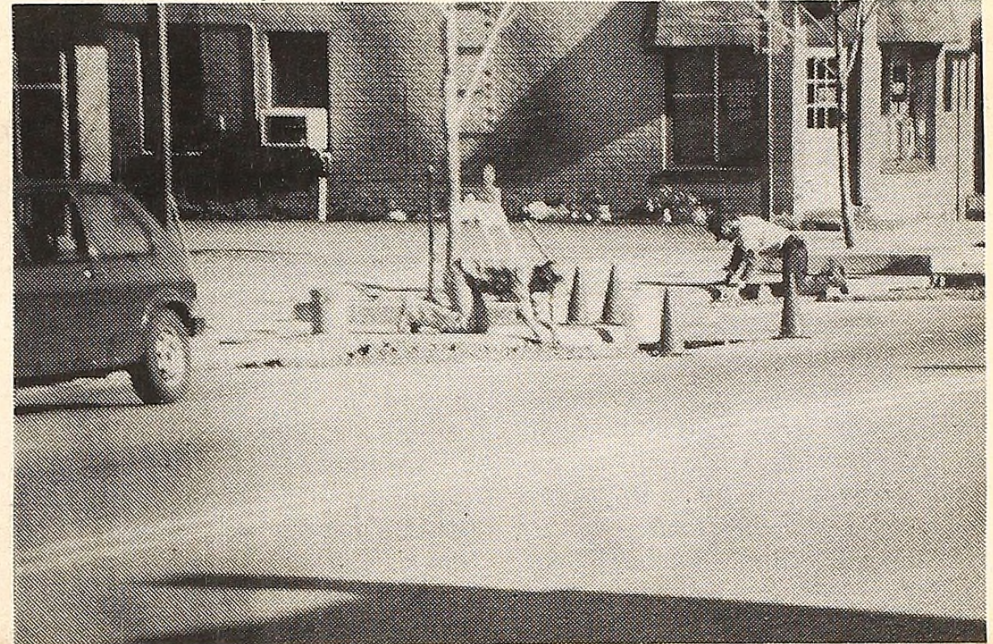
Many streets, street drains, water mains, and the like were repaired this past summer, but no one said the DPW had to rush to do the job, and no one said they had to take extra care and do them exceptionally well — but they did. *The Romulus News* has received many complaints about drains, roads that need patching, houses that should be demolished, and more. Through the cooperation of the Mayor, City Council, and the DPW Director, most of the complaints were taken care of almost immediately.

Yet, without fail, hardly anyone contacted the Mayor's office, the DPW, or any Councilmen to say a simple "thank you."

One job, in particular, comes to mind, and it was right in the Downtown Area. From the story I got, it seems like one of the drains on the north side of Goddard had been plugged up for many years — enough years, in fact, that if the story is true, the problem lasted through the terms of three different mayors before it was corrected.

I talked to a few of the businessmen in town, and told them I would contact the DPW to see if something could be done about the water, snow, and slush that often covered the sidewalk in front of Romulus Auto Parts, the Family Hair Shop, and Romulus Hardware, making it almost impossible to enter the stores.

I called the DPW and talked to both Panos and Melvin Zilka, the Assistant Director. That afternoon, Zilka came to my office and asked to be shown where the problem was. Within three days, the DPW was cleaning out the drain and, within two weeks, work had begun on the installation of a new section of drain



from the sidewalk to the main drain. Since the work was completed, there have been, to my knowledge, no further problems.

None of the DPW employees expected anyone to call and say thanks for the speedy work, excellent job, or anything else. Guess what? According to my sources, it was a good thing they had no such expectations, because no one did.

The Mayor and City Council went out on a limb to clean a drainage ditch on the southeast side of Town — a job that had needed to be done for years. Did anyone say thanks to the Mayor or the Council? Not many, considering the number of people who benefitted from their action. The Mayor and Council could have pursued the policy of previous administrations, and said, "In due time," but they chose to take action, instead.

To say the very least, the Mayor's office, DPW, and Ordinance Department have all been very busy clearing up citizens' complaints this last year. When those offices were contacted with com-

plaints about abandoned houses in Romulus, they all got busy, and the demolition of 22 houses this past summer was the end result. They have responded to the citizens and to this paper, and their work has been absolutely exceptional.

Now, would it really hurt your pride to take a minute of your time to call the DPW, the Mayor's office, the Ordinance Department, and/or Council members, and just say "thank you"?

I watched the DPW workers very closely this last summer because of the complaints of some who said the employees of this city do not work. True, there are always a few who goof off, but I personally have to applaud the workers at the DPW for the hard work they have done and are doing. The same is true for the Romulus Police Department.

On behalf of this paper and those citizens who really care about our city, I extend my personal thanks to those City employees who have put forth such fine efforts, and care about this town as much as we do. □

Six From RHS Attend SADD Conference

by Stacie Brown

Six members of the Romulus High School chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) had the opportunity to attend the Third Annual SADD Michigan Conference, held November 12 through 14. This year, the Conference was held at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan.

These six people, accompanied by their two advisors, Jacque Downs and Barb Reynolds, were: Albert Harris (president of the RHS SADD chapter), Stacie Brown (Public Relations), Alison Cope (Secretary), Suzanne McFall, Deanna Hixon, and Carrie Testa. When they arrived at the resort, each person was given a six-page schedule, which began with an Early Risers run at 6:45 a.m. for those interested, and went all

day until bed check at 12:30 a.m.

Throughout the weekend, these students, along with SADD members from all over the State, sat in on several workshop sessions. These sessions were full of information ranging from peer pressure to drugs, alcohol, drinking and driving, and different ways to improve the SADD chapter at your school. As the day ended, they had a choice of things to do: they could attend dances, play video games, go swimming, visit the health club, watch a movie, participate in a scavenger hunt, or just relax in their room.

In addition to the sessions, the students had the opportunity to hear many great speakers, including John Crudele, Bob Stromberg, Miss Teen Michigan

1988, and Miss America 1988.

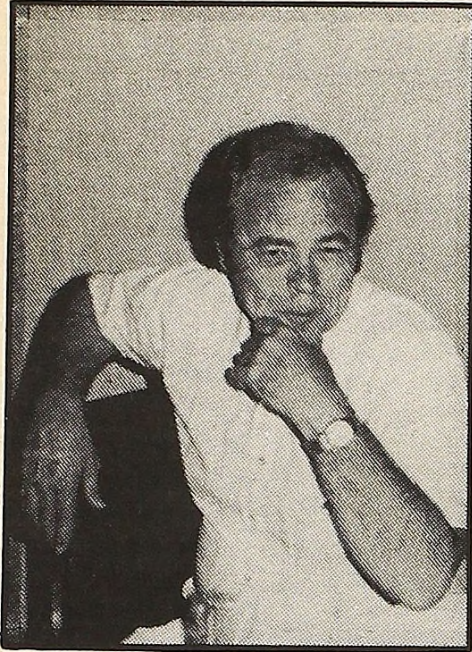
The Conference brought about many new friendships and loves. Some of the students became closer in this one weekend than some kids do in an entire school year. They shared many feelings, thoughts, and ideas with one another.

The Romulus students and advisors who attended the Conference would like to thank Larry Rotta, Pam Voss, and

the Student Advisory Board for the Conference, but a most special thanks goes out to Mr. Joe Trupino, who paid the \$94-per-student attendance fee for each one. "Thank you, Mr. Trupino. Without you, we wouldn't have had the opportunity to share and be part of the Conference. We greatly appreciate all you

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



'Tis the Season

by D. A. Atkins

'Tis the time to be jolly for almost everyone at this time of year. Little kids are anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve, and people are running, helter-skelter, trying to get that last-minute shopping done (and are probably not finding what they're looking for because they waited too long).

There's the endless lineup of traffic, the unbearable wait for parking spaces almost everywhere you go, and the long lines at the check-outs; yet, through it all, most people have warm and friendly smiles on their faces.

The Goodfellows in Romulus have done an outstanding job of collecting money for the less fortunate people in the City, and their Mitten Tree is at City Hall, waiting for your generous donation of mittens, gloves, scarves, and other warm items to be distributed on Christ-

mas Eve to kids who desperately need them.

Yes, this is also one of the hardest times of the year for countless thousands of children and adults — those who have nothing, or very close to nothing, and have no way of getting help. Many people are sleeping in cars, next to garbage dumpsters, in alleys, and anywhere else they can find some relief from the cold and blowing snow. Suicides are more frequent during this holiday season than at any other time.

How thankful are we that we have what we have?

The other day, I read an article in *The Detroit News* that really set me to thinking. It was called "And there but for the grace of a house payment go I."

I learned how many hundred, yes, even thousands, of people — middle class, upper-middle class, and even wealthy people — are now living in shelters because they lost their job, had sickness in their family, or suffered some other calamity, and so lost their bank account and home.

We sometimes take too many things for granted — fundamental things like our jobs and our health. We get complacent, and think of no one or nothing except ourselves and our own private little worlds. That article, however, made me realize that we really should be willing to help the needy all year long. After all, we may, someday, need help ourselves.

I remember how one summer day, when I was a young man, I got a flat tire out in the middle of nowhere. I had a spare tire, but didn't have a jack. As I stood there, with absolutely no idea of where to go for help, a car suddenly pulled up and an older man got out to offer his assistance. After he helped me change my tire, I offered to pay him; he replied that there was no charge, but that if I ever ran across someone in need of aid, he would consider it his payment if I would return his favor and help the person.

I have always tried to remember that, and every time I see someone with car trouble, I pull over to assist him or her whenever it is at all possible.

'Tis the season to be jolly, for sure, but 'tis also the season to help others in need (as it is all year long).

Help someone this Christmas holiday if you possibly can. □

Check That License!

by D. A. Atkins

It seems that more and more minors are being caught buying alcoholic beverages, and more and more stores are being busted for selling the booze to them — yet, many minors are still getting killed in traffic accidents because of alcohol abuse. But whose fault is it? The store that sells it? The minor who

uses false I.D. to buy it? Or could it, just possibly, be the fault of the parent whose child lives at home?

Naturally, we all think our children would not do anything as stupid as altering their identification. Yet, stop and think: when you were a teenager, did you, or any of your friends, ever try to change your I.D. in order to buy booze and be one of the 'in crowd'? Those who did are lucky if they are still around.

There are some you knew as teenagers who are no longer here because of drunk driving. Worse, maybe a future drunk-driving statistic will be one of your own children — a child who you thought was too bright to make the same stupid mistake that, possibly, you or your friends made. But stupid or not, then or now, people had/have their I.D.s altered in order to buy alcohol of some sort. It doesn't matter whether it's wine, beer, whiskey, or even moonshine — sooner or later, it all takes the same toll.

What you and I, as parents, may have to do is become a cop in our own home.

Have you ever entertained the thought that, every month or two, you should ask your child to see *all* of his or her identification, and check to see if any alterations have been made?

There are those who would have

you believe you would be violating your child's civil rights by doing so. That may or may not be true. Regardless, is it better to infringe on his or her civil rights, or to have some police officer or hospital call you in the middle of the night to tell you that your son or daughter died in a traffic accident, or is in jail because his or her drunk driving has killed some innocent person?

The immediate reaction would be to go after the person that sold the teen the booze, but I feel that the actual reaction should be, "When did I last check my child's I.D.?" Is the person who sold the booze to the child at fault, or is it the fault of the parent in whose house this teenager is (or was) living?

In this day and age, many 14-year-old boys and girls look every bit the age of 21 or 22. There are a few ways that you can sometimes tell how old a person really is (for instance, by looking at the neck, hands, or around the ears and eyes), but not all are obvious indicators, and it does take quite a bit of experience at age-guessing. (Most bartenders are very good at it if they have been around long.)

It is your child. You should take the time, every couple of months, to check out that child's birth certificate, license, and other picture identification. If you

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Tree Lighting — Fun for Hundreds

by D. A. Atkins

The City's tree-lighting get-together, which took place on December 2 in the Romulus IGA parking lot, was a fun time, indeed.

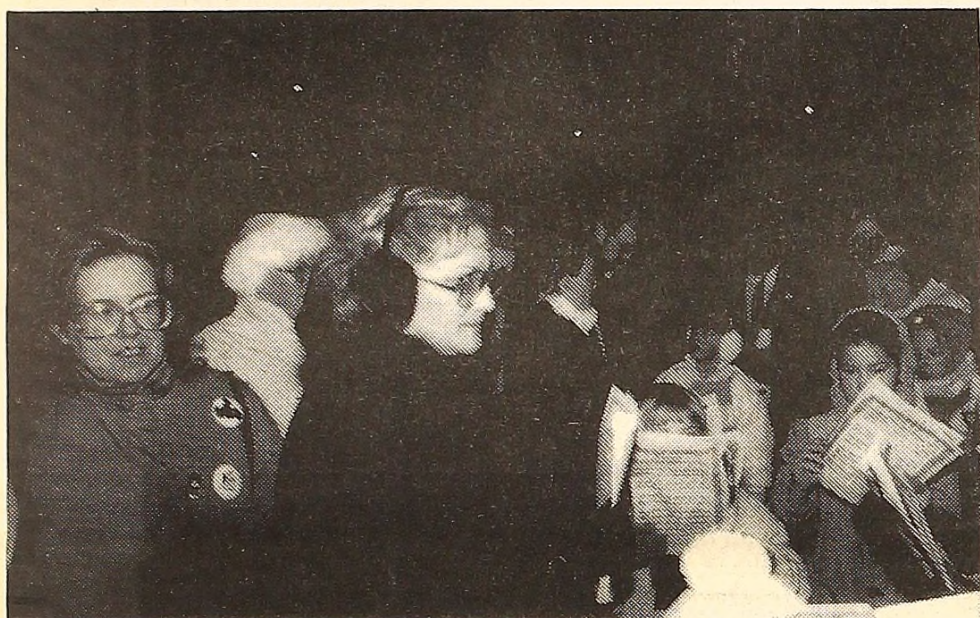
The annual ceremony took place without a hitch, and it seemed that more people were in attendance than in previous years. Santa's arrival, complete with fire engine and police escort, was also on schedule.

Many City officials were present: Councilman Junior Block was there, singing(?) songs along with everyone else, and Jim Napiorkowski (City Treasurer) and Dan Bales (Secretary and

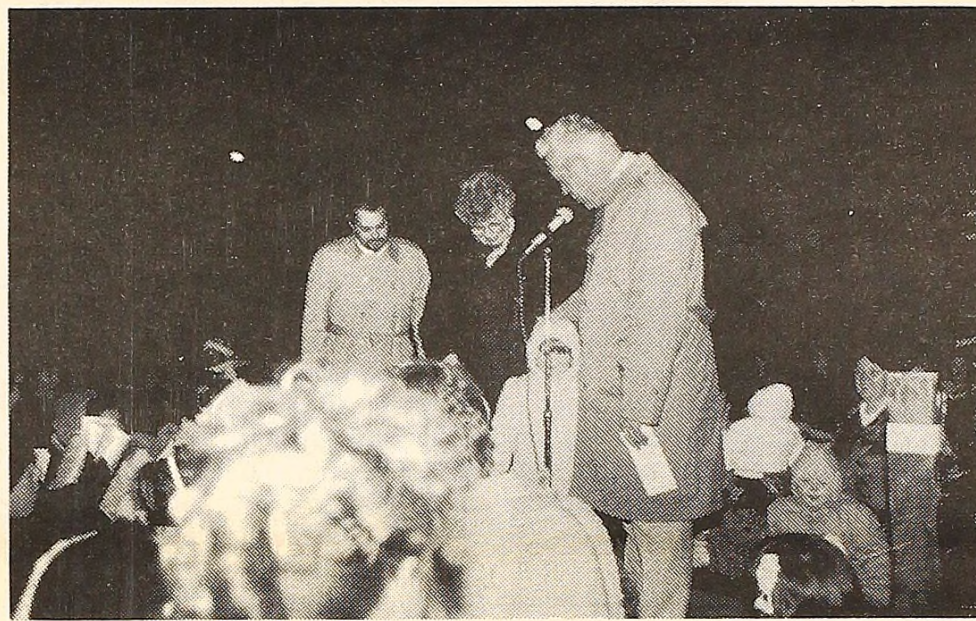
member of the Romulus Board of Education) were up on stage with Mayor McAnally, who gave a very short talk. I must say that, after 35 years as a professional entertainer, I would not try to book any of them in a concert. (A little humor, if you please.)

The tree was absolutely beautiful, the people had a lot of fun, and the old South Junior High was host to the many people there to eat, drink, and get presents.

It sure is nice to live in a little town; there is a closeness here that can't be matched in any major metropolis. □



Kristine DeTroyer leads singing at tree-lighting ceremony



Treasurer Napiorkowski, Mayor McAnally, School Board Secretary Dan Bales

They Went the Extra Mile

The Romulus Board of Education formally recognized six district employees as 'Extra-Milers.' The 'Extra-Miler' award is given to those employees who, in the opinion of their colleagues, go that extra mile beyond the call of duty.

Nominations are made by employees and awardees selected by a screening committee consisting of three Board of Education trustees and five representatives of employee groups.

Awardees received special recognition, plaques, and gift certificates for dinner for two at a local restaurant. Their pictures will also be posted on special bulletin boards in all school buildings of the District.

The honorees for November were Richard Kruse, Junior High Band Director, and John DeForest, Cory Elementary's Head Custodian; December's honorees are Arthur McPharlin, Principal of Halecreek Elementary, and Robert Garry, Head Custodian at Halecreek Elementary; and the honorees for January are Virginia Smith, a teacher at Merriman Elementary, and Alan Abdo, who is in charge of Maintenance at Romulus Senior High.

The 'Extra-Miler' award program is part of a comprehensive employee recognition program initiated by the Board of Education this year. Earlier this year, District employees were given lapel pins and certificates representing 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30-plus years of service in the District.

Each month, two employees, one from the certificated staff (teachers and administrators) and the support staff will be chosen to receive 'Extra-Miler' awards. □



(left to right) — Standing: Richard Kruse, Robert Garry, and Arthur McPharlin; Seated: Alan Abdo, Virginia Smith, and John DeForest

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have done for us and our SADD chapter. Thank you."

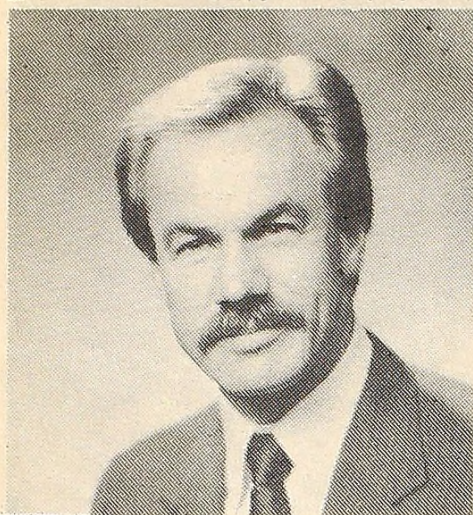
To end the Conference, a big ceremony was held that brought tears into everyone's eyes. Each of the members of the Student Advisory Board said a few words, and then they read off a list of "some" of the people that have lost their lives due to drinking and driving.

After the ceremony, there was a balloon lift-off. Everyone was given a red balloon reading, "SADD-MI Week, Nov. 13th-19th, 1988, Friends for Life." At the end of the balloon, each person tied on his own special message. Then everyone made a big circle around the flag pole and, on the count of three, they went up.

After the Conference, the lobby was full of people hugging, crying, and saying good-bye to their new friends. The slogan used for the Conference, which was "Friends for Life," was definitely appropriate.

This SADD Conference was a wonderful experience for all those involved. Again, "Thank you, Mr. Trupino." □

KOSTEVA'S REPORT



by James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Crime Victims' Rights in Constitution

Michigan voters have approved a ballot proposal to include crime victims' rights in the State Constitution. The amendment guarantees that victims have the right to: fair treatment; timely disposition of the case; notification of and attendance at court proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused throughout the judicial process; restitution; and information concerning the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

Environmental and Recreation Bonds Approved

Proposals approved in the recent general election will allow the State to sell bonds to fund massive environmental clean-up projects and public recreation improvements. The bond sale will raise at least \$450 million for environmental clean-up; \$150 million for solid-waste disposal projects; \$60 million to improve local wastewater treatment facilities; \$70 million for State park improvements; and \$70 million for local recreation facilities and economic development projects to increase recreational opportunities and attract tourists.

New Safety Measures Approved for Toy Guns

The House has passed legislation requiring toy firearms to be specially marked so that they will not be confused with real weapons. The bill requires the barrel of toy guns to be plugged and colored indelible fluorescent orange.

Legislature Approves Bill Package To Increase Truck Safety

A package of bills to improve safety in the trucking industry has been approved by the Legislature. The package includes measures to increase monitoring of truck traffic, improve truck-driver education, require covering of loads, and generally restrict trucks to certain lanes.

Groundwater Contamination Target of House-Passed Bill

The House has approved legislation to require testing of well-water used for drinking. Under the bills, water would have to be tested for certain contaminants before a well is drilled. Land con-

taining a drinking-water well would have to be tested within one year prior to a sale.

Single-Business Tax Reform Voted by House

The House has approved legislation designed to improve the State's business climate, which would establish a more fair, direct, and easily understood system of taxation for small businesses. Under the bill, businesses which make little or no profit would choose either the current Single-Business Tax or a 'profits' tax.

Stronger Penalties for Odometer Fraud Recommended

A House-passed bill to reduce the incidence of odometer tampering in Michigan has been approved by a Senate committee. The legislation, which would require the odometer reading at the time of sale to be recorded on the title of the vehicle, would also make odometer tampering a felony. It is estimated that odometer fraud costs Michigan consumers \$100 million every year.

Auto Theft Target of State Grants

Law-enforcement agencies throughout Michigan will receive State grants totalling \$7 million from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. Auto thefts in Michigan declined by five percent in 1987 — the latest year for which figures are available — while rising five percent nationally.

Michigan Travel Bureau Makes Free Skiing Guide Available

Would-be skiers can find out where they can ski free in Michigan from the Michigan Travel Bureau's "Learn to Ski Free" brochure. The pamphlet lists over 50 resorts participating in promotional programs which include free beginner lessons and free beginner-area lift and trail tickets. For information, write the Travel Bureau or call their toll-free number: 1-800-5432-YES.

Bill Would Fund Corrections Program

House-passed legislation now before the Senate would fund community-based corrections programs for certain non-violent offenders. Under the bill, Michigan service agencies could receive State funding for programs and services that provide alternatives to prison sentences, including restitution to the crime victim and mandatory work in public programs.

New Regulations Proposed for Halfway Houses

A House bill being considered by a Senate committee calls for closer supervision of prisoners in community halfway houses. The measure calls for inmates in these facilities to undergo biweekly drug testing and to observe a mandatory curfew. An inmate found guilty of major misconduct would be returned to a more controlled State corrections facility, and written records of inmate whereabouts would be required at all times.

House Bills Address Medical Self-Determination

Two pending House bills would allow individuals to enforce their personal decisions on medical treatment. One bill would permit adults to make a binding written declaration regarding the kind of medical intervention they want if they fall into a permanent unconscious state or are completely incapacitated by terminal illness. The second bill would allow individuals to designate another person to implement the individual's specific medical

decisions in these circumstances. Both bills are designed to ensure that a person's wishes for either maximum care or a natural death will be carried out. Some kind of medical self-determination legislation has been adopted in 39 states.

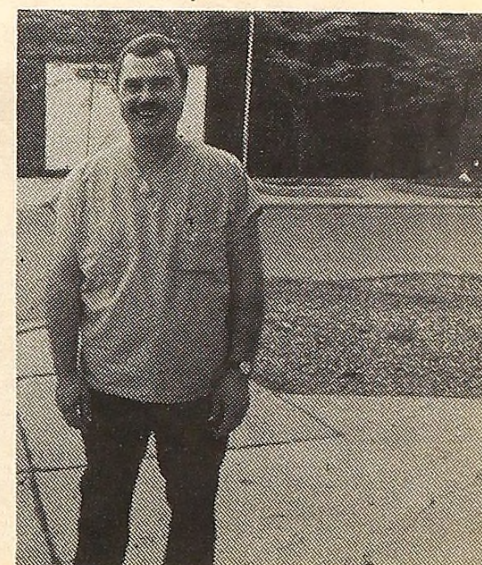
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Junk Mail

by Tom Shamanski

There's too much junk mail flooding our country, and one mail-carrier in Milton, Florida, tried to do something about it. For three years, he trashed the trash — an estimated 500,000 pieces of it. I suspect his intention was simply to lighten his load, but he inadvertently performed a great service for the people on his route. Over the three years, the Milton Post Office never received a missing mail complaint. I'm wondering if many of the "postal patrons" knew what was happening but, out of deep

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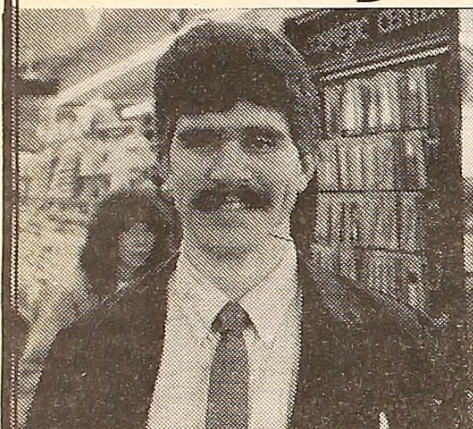
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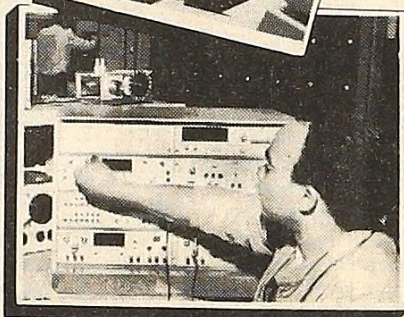
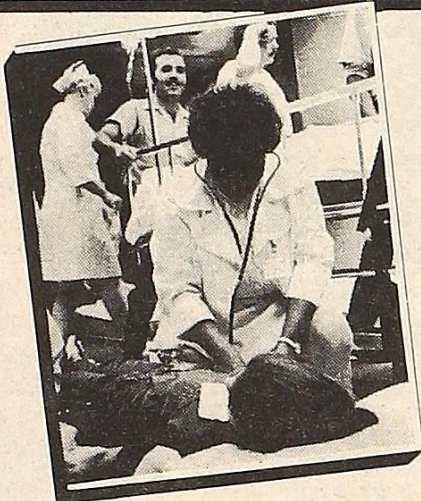


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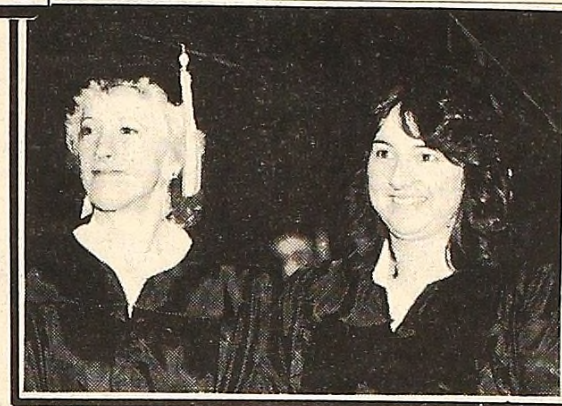
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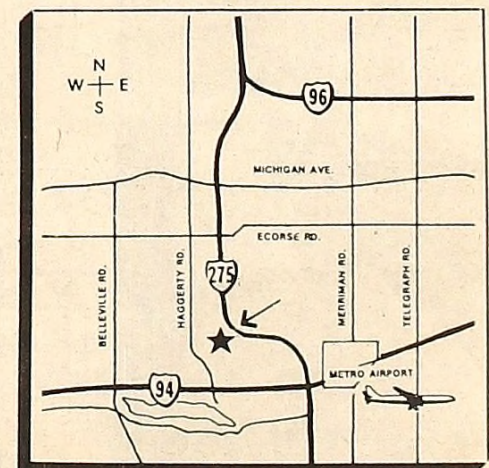
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Structure and Function

This third of a series of articles on Chiropractic medicine is reprinted from Pain, Headaches, & Stress by Chester A. Wilk, D.C., P.C., and was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

The importance of structure to function is evident everywhere. If we adversely change the structure of a building, bridge, boat, plane, automobile, locomotive, etc., we can adversely change their stability and functions. Alter the roundness of a wheel on a vehicle and it can vibrate and disturb its function. Adversely alter the structure of anything capable of systematic motion or operation and the chances are very good that the resulting change will adversely affect its function.

Within the animal kingdom, structure also plays a significant role in relation to function. Dogs, cats and other animals stretch their own bodies and instinctively seem to know that a correct or improved body structure will improve their body's function and health. Laboratory experiments on animals show that flexing and extending the spines of dogs and cats can respectively slow down or speed up the flow of blood to the different organs in the

body. Hence, a cat "rolling up" will relax and fall asleep, while standing up and "stretching" will have an awakening effect. This shows the influence that the spine has upon the nervous system for one's overall health and well-being. It further affirms the chiropractic premise that good body structure and spinal mechanics, good nerve function, and regular chiropractic adjustments play a significant role in assisting the body to function better and have greater resistance to physical breakdown, illness and disease. □

AIDS

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J.H. Barden, D.O.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is a severe, frequently tragic viral infection that destroys a person's resistance to infection and certain cancers. The virus that causes AIDS is known as HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). It is a sexually transmitted disease, like syphilis and gonorrhea. Because the virus lives in lymphocytes that are part of the make-up of blood, it can be transmitted through blood or blood products. AIDS is rarely caught through casual (non-sexual) contact

between a healthy person and someone infected with HIV. In fact, casual contact is far more hazardous to AIDS-infected individuals because of their low resistance to disease and high susceptibility to infection. The virus is easily killed by factors such as hot water, soap, and detergents. A person increases the risk of contracting AIDS whenever he or she is promiscuous, be it homosexually or heterosexually. Other persons at risk are drug addicts and newborns of infected mothers.

What is AIDS?

HIV is believed to have originated among African green monkeys in central Africa. It is a blood-borne virus that invades the white blood cells known as T-helper (T-4) lymphocytes. These cells are crucial for the proper function of the immune system, which wards off infection and cancers. Once HIV has taken over the T-4 cells, it turns them into miniature factories for the production of more virus copies. Eventually, the T-4 cells are overwhelmed and die, leaving the victim susceptible to infections that normal people are not at risk for, infections that all people are susceptible to, and certain cancers.

For every AIDS victim, there are an estimated 50 to 100 people who are walking around with HIV in their bloodstream and do not know it. They are

known as asymptomatic carriers, and while they have few or no symptoms of the disease, they can still transmit it to others. Thus, infected persons make up a spectrum from asymptomatic to full-blown AIDS, with the vast majority being asymptomatic. The vast majority of infected persons progress through a series of stages. The stage before full-blown AIDS is often referred to as AIDS-related complex (ARC).

Susceptibility

Everyone is susceptible to AIDS. The deciding factor is whether or not you engage in sex with anyone who is promiscuous. Presently, most cases in the United States have occurred in homosexual men. But in other parts of the world, just as many women are infected as men. In time, the number of infected women in the United States will approximate that of men. Because HIV can be transmitted from a mother to her unborn child through the placenta, children of infected couples have been born with the virus.

Common Misconceptions

Paranoia of AIDS has grown just about as fast as the epidemic itself. Along with this paranoia have come many misconceptions that have only served to fuel the public fear of AIDS. By dispelling some of these popular

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RHS Honor Roll Students

The Romulus News would like to congratulate the following Romulus High School students, whose exceptional efforts in academics earned them a place on the Honor Roll for the first card marking of this school year.

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Varsity Basketball

by Laurie Berlinn

Welcome to the 1988-89 boys' basketball season. The Romulus Eagles opened up on a high note against an old rival, Taylor Center, and showed their start-of-the-season spirit by outscoring the Rams 15-7 in the first quarter. (Eric Lightsey led that quarter's

scoring with five points.)

In the second quarter, the Eagles kept up their spirited pace and, by half time, Romulus was ahead 23-18. The third and fourth quarters had the Eagles outscoring the Taylor team 20-13 and 23-16, respectively.

The leading scorer for Romulus was Arol Trinity, with 17 points. Following him were Diya Muhammad, with eight

points and eight rebounds, and Grayam Scott, with eight points and seven rebounds. Another big help was the team's 60% shooting average.

Third-year coach Dan Henry gave this account of his team's effort: "We look good in spurts, but it was obvious that we have a lot of work to do."

In the second game, the Eagles came out strong again, leading 19-6 at the end of the first quarter. After only eight minutes, Arol Trinity had scored six of the 19.

The second quarter had the Tigers trying to catch up. With a foul margin of 12-3, the Tigers were at the line getting points, but at half time, the Eagles were still ahead, 31-28.

In the third quarter, Romulus maintained its edge on Belleville by outscoring the Tigers, 14-6, making the score 45-34 at the end of the period.

The fourth quarter was the downfall of a great game. The Eagles were outscored 33-11, and Belleville won the game, 67-56.

Arol Trinity led the Eagles with 15 points. Grayam Scott had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Eric Lightsey followed closely behind with 10 points and six rebounds. Diya Muhammad added eight points and five rebounds, and Kelvin Brown and Virgil Davis each had six.

Concerning the Belleville game, Coach Dan Henry said, "Belleville is a very good team, and so are we. Foul trouble cost us this game more than anything else. We expect to play Belleville again this season in our Districts at the end of the year, and I guarantee we will be a smarter, more controlled team by then." □

Wrestling

by Fred Coleman

Here we go again! New coach, new season, but it looks like we are going to have the same fantastic results.

Last year, the varsity wrestling team piled up numerous medals and trophies, with the final award being 98-pound Tony Venturini's State Championship. This season could bring many more awards and, possibly, a State Champion or two as well.

First-year Head Coach Norman Butler said, "This group of athletes is outstanding, and their work ethic is tremendous. I could call practice at midnight and have every one of these guys show up. They want to succeed, and that desire to do well is something that you just can't coach."

On Thursday, our varsity wrestlers moved their early-season record to 3-0 with victories over Dundee (52-9), Monroe Catholic Central (48-15), and Livonia Churchill (63-9).

"You can tell by the scores that this was a total team effort," added Coach Butler. "It's really hard to say who was the leader in victory. There is a lot of team unity and support for each other, and I would have to say that 'unity' was

the captain of our team last night."

Winners in all three matches were freshman Dale Gehringer and juniors David Gehringer and Tim Kosikowski (all three victories were "pins"), juniors Bruce Boyd, Brian Farnan, and Scott Murawski, and seniors Ricky Champagne and Paul Nowicki.

Paul had the quickest pin of the evening when he bested Monroe Catholic Central's heavyweight in a scant 16 seconds.

"You can see that we're very young," Butler stated. "Practically our whole team will be back next year. I would urge all wrestling fans to come and see this team in action. You will not be disappointed. Our next home match is with Southgate Anderson on Tuesday, December 20, but the date I would like to see everyone mark on their calendar is Saturday, January 28. On that day, we will host the South Central Conference Meet, which we won last year, and one of our many goals this year is to repeat that victory," he concluded.

Come out and support this fine group of athletes. Schedules or information can be obtained from Coach Butler or my office. □

Varsity Volleyball

by Fred Coleman

On December 12, the Romulus High School volleyball program kicked off its 1988-89 season.

Led by seniors Laurie Berlinn, Michelle DiBenedetto, Julie Machinski, and Kim Picciano, the Eagle varsity volleyballers look to have the material to have an excellent year.

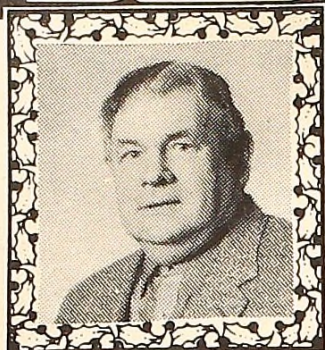
"This team is probably the best athletic talent I have ever had," stated seventh-year Coach Gail Coleman. "I have 10 good volleyball players, so when someone is not getting the job done, I will be able to make a change and not hurt our team one bit."

The Eagles will find out what they are made of very quickly: they began their season with '88 League and District Champion Ann Arbor Pioneer on Monday, and will swing into tournament competition almost immediately (in Taylor on Saturday, December 17).

"With our four seniors, we also have the starting lineup from a very successful junior varsity team from last year," added Coleman. "The real test will be to see how well these six young ladies can adjust to the varsity-level competition. There is a big difference in J.V. and varsity volleyball, and some girls never adjust, but I am extremely confident that all six of these girls will adapt very quickly."

Sure to see a lot of action this year will be juniors Stacy Cowens, Susan Hamel, and Chris Stratton, and sophomores Michele Scarrow and Tammy Trubilowicz, all of whom will be helping in the hitting area and especially on defense.

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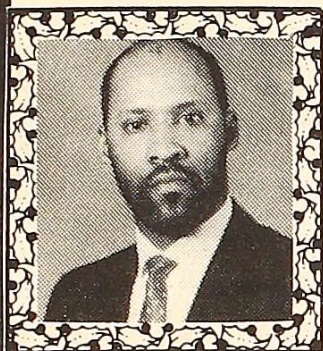
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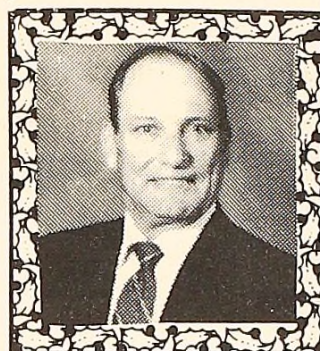
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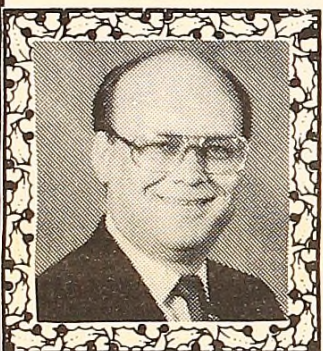
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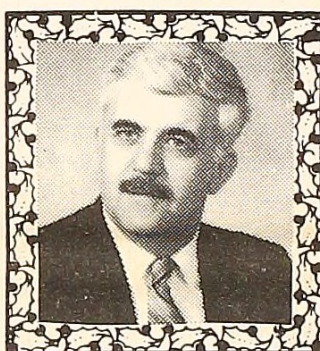
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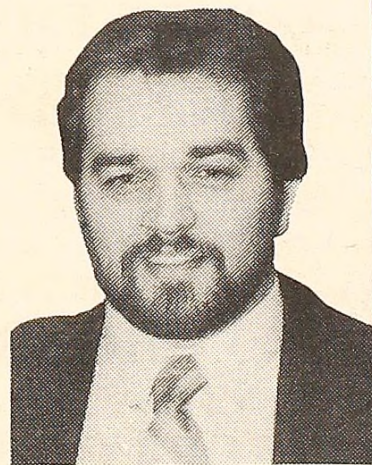
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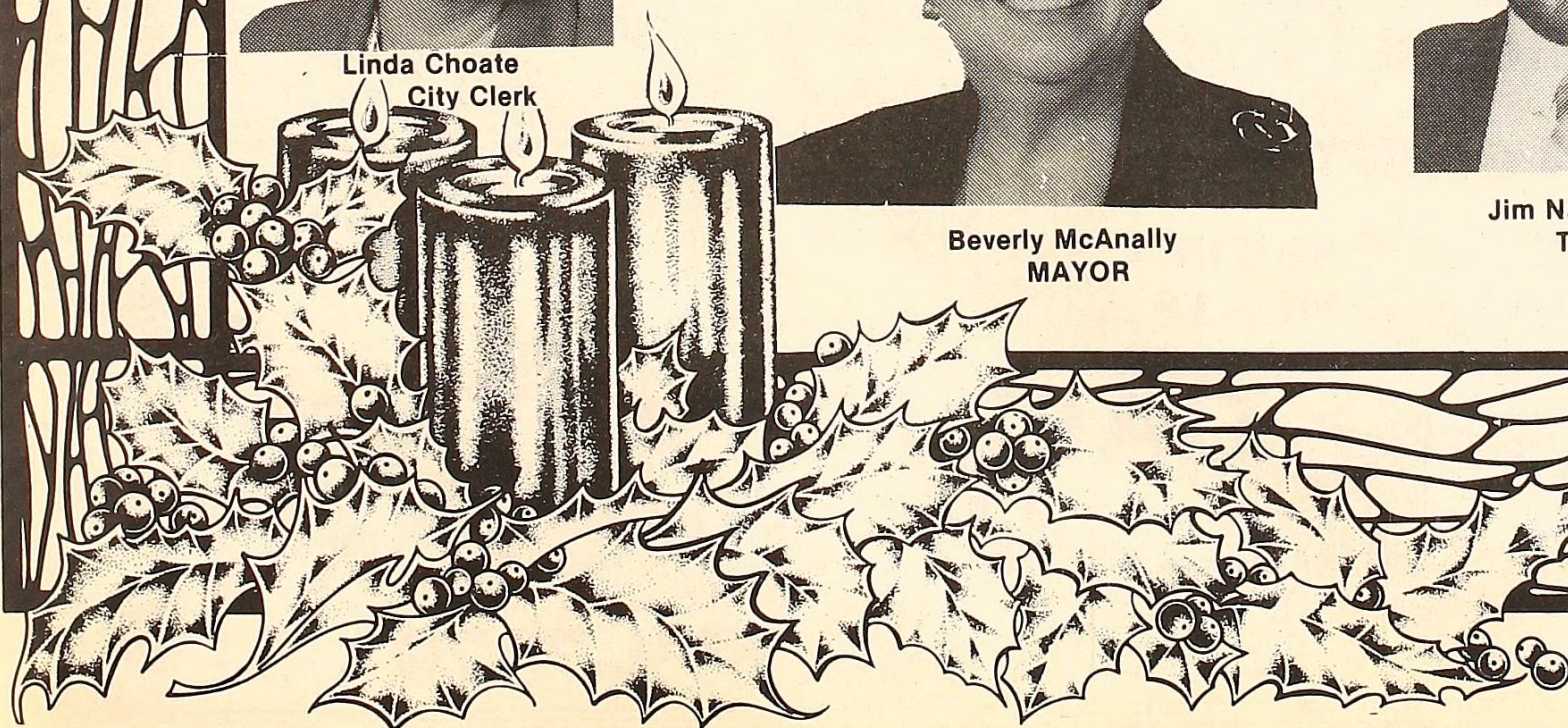
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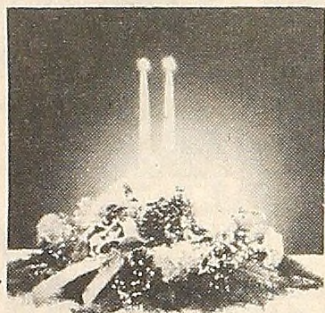
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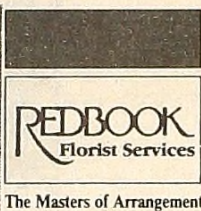
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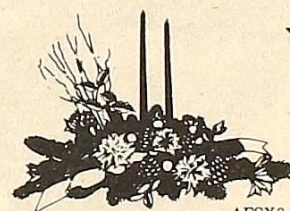


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misconceptions, the following may help to put the AIDS problem into proper perspective.

AIDS cannot be transmitted through casual contact, including being coughed upon by an AIDS-infected person, sitting next to or even living in the same house with an AIDS victim, eating food that has been prepared or handled by an infected person, swimming in a pool with an infected person, or caring for an AIDS patient. The only definitely known way that AIDS can be transmitted is if the virus is transmitted from the blood or genital secretions.

AIDS cannot be transmitted by donating blood, since the needles and equipment used by blood banks in the United States are either sterilized or disposable. Routine blood testing (see below) has greatly reduced the possibility of contracting AIDS when receiving blood transfusions. Intravenous drug users who share needles and other paraphernalia run the risk of contracting AIDS.

AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact or social kissing. So-called "French-" or deep-kissing with a person suspected or known to have AIDS is probably unwise because the AIDS virus has been found in saliva; it is theoretically possible to transmit the virus this way.

Although HIV has been detected in every bodily secretion of AIDS patients, there is no evidence that it can be transmitted through tears. There is absolutely no evidence that AIDS can be picked up from toilet seats, showers, bathtubs, water fountains, telephones, typewriters or other office equipment, drinking glasses, or food touched by an AIDS victim.

The issue of whether AIDS-infected children should be permitted to attend school has become a very serious and controversial one. The only way that a healthy child could contract the AIDS virus from an AIDS-infected child is if

both children were to have sex or direct blood contact. This could only happen if both children were involved in a bloody accident and their blood mixed, one child bit the other severely enough to draw blood, or if they shared blood in a thumb-to-thumb "blood brother" ritual. Actually, it is the AIDS-infected child who is at greater risk by being placed among other children in the school system. Healthy children carry all sorts of viruses and bacteria to which they are generally immune. AIDS-infected children, however, are susceptible to those viruses and bacteria because of their low resistance to infection.

Testing for AIDS

Since March 1985, a simple, inexpensive blood test has been available to determine if a person has been exposed to AIDS. Widespread use of this test, known as ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) by blood banks, has effectively decreased the possibility of AIDS-contaminated blood for transfusions and in blood products.

A positive ELISA test is usually repeated to make sure of the diagnosis. If the results are positive the second time, then a more specific test, such as the Western blot test, should be performed on the blood sample to determine if the HIV is actually present. A positive test means that the person has been infected by HIV. He or she can transmit the disease to others through sexual intercourse, sharing of needles, and, possibly, intimate kissing or oral sex.

For more information on where you can go for confidential AIDS testing, ask your doctor. Many local health departments have set up telephone hotlines and free test clinics for AIDS counseling and blood testing.

Prevention

AIDS can be avoided by knowing how the disease is transmitted and taking necessary precautions.

The most common way the disease is transmitted is through sexual intercourse. Condoms afford good protection against transmission of the virus, but they have not proven to be 100% safe.

Fellatio, or oral-genital sex, is very hazardous if the person has bleeding gums or small cuts or abrasions in the lining of the mouth and ejaculation occurs. Sharing various sexual toys and other instruments that can be inserted is also dangerous if you do not know for certain whether you or your partner carry the AIDS virus. Hugging, holding, social or dry kissing, and mutual masturbation are safe.

Above all, know your sex partner. Casual sex increases the risk of contracting HIV, with the chances increasing in direct proportion to the number of different partners one has sexual relations with. Toothbrushes, razors, or other implements that could become contaminated with blood should not be shared with anyone.

For the same reason, needles should never be shared by people using narcotics or other intravenous drugs. Under no circumstances should needles ever be shared, since the virus may remain on even disinfected materials. The skin should be cleaned with alcohol before injection.

Hemophiliacs today are probably at little risk. The introduction of a heat or chemical inactivation step during the manufacture of Factor VIII concentrates, together with screening of blood donors, has also eliminated the risk of contracting the virus for persons with hemophilia A who use these blood products; a similar inactivation step has also been added to the manufacture of Factor XI concentrates for patients with hemophilia B.

The Outlook for AIDS Victims

Researchers are actively searching for a vaccine to prevent AIDS, as well as a cure for people who have already

contracted the virus. Although a safe, effective vaccine is at least five years away, certain drugs are now being tested on small groups of AIDS patients. These drugs inhibit the growth of HIV, thereby slowing down the spread of the disease. At present, however, it is estimated that 99.9% of AIDS cases will progress.

It is now believed that the disease may be conquered by a three-prong approach, using drugs that specifically fight the unusual infections AIDS victims are prone to get, drugs that prevent the spread of the virus to healthy lymphocytes, and drugs that stimulate the immune system to produce new lymphocytes. □

Oral Health

by Rhonda J. Hennessy, D.D.S.

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A broken tooth may or may not hurt. This depends on whether or not the break is involving the nerve of the tooth. The best way to handle this is to immediately rinse your mouth with warm water to clean the area and soothe the tooth. If it is painful, place a piece of cotton in the tooth and, if possible, save the broken pieces. See your dentist as soon as possible; it may not hurt right then, but could start hurting later on.

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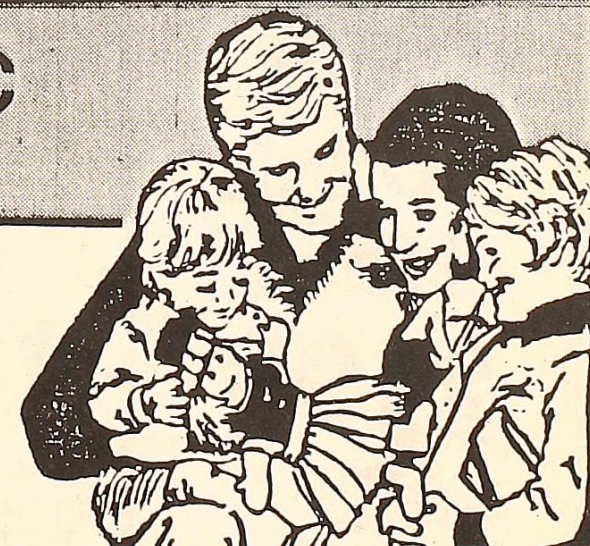
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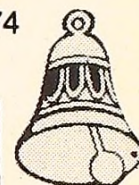
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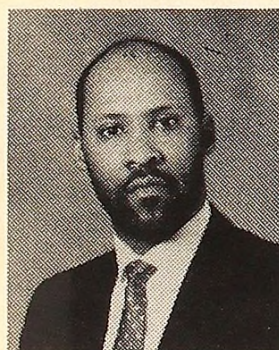
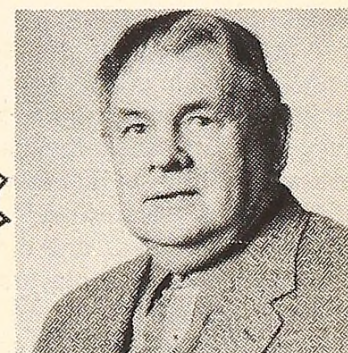
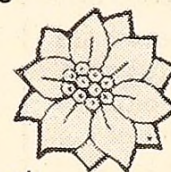
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SPORTS

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"Fans in the stands tend to see the 'setter' or the 'hitter,' but oftentimes they forget that, unless you get a good 'pass' from the backline players, the setters and hitters cannot even begin to do a good job," Gail continued. "This year's group is, no doubt, the best backline workers I have had, and if their efforts in practice convert to game behavior, we are going to do really well this year."

The 'setter' in volleyball is like the quarterback in football, and this year the Eagle varsity team has two young ladies who appear to be ready to do the job. Senior Mickie DiBenedetto and sophomore Jennifer Daniel will be handling the passes and, hopefully, converting them into game-winning hits from the frontline girls.

No doubt, volleyball season will be an exciting one, and our fans are urged to come out and support this fine group of young ladies. Our first home contest will be an eight-team tournament to be held on Thursday, December 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Hope to see all of our volleyball supporters there. □

From the A.D.

Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools' Athletic Director

The "best entertainment in town" is going to be in our high school this winter.

The Romulus basketball, volleyball, and wrestling teams should experience very exciting and rewarding seasons, and I encourage the parents of these aspiring young athletes and all of our other fans to attend these contests to see what high-school sports are all about.

We have no varsity wrestlers doing below C work in our program this winter, and six are making the honor roll. Only two of our basketball players are below a 2.0 (they're just *barely* below, and both have assured me the problem has been corrected), and three of our 12 varsity basketball players are also on the honor roll.

The volleyball program consists of 10 very talented 'student-athletes,' with eight of 10 on the honor roll, and five of those eight on the Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 or higher).

These student-athletes deserve recognition and support for their efforts, and I hope that all of you that read this article will take the time to check out the schedules, and then come out to see these fine examples of our community represent us to the best of their excellent abilities. □

NJROTC Visits Norfolk

by Commander T.H. Marvin, USN (ret.),
Naval Science Instructor, Romulus High School

On November 28, 31 cadets and four

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS SCHEDULE — WINTER 1988-89

Boys' Basketball

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|---------|----------------------------|-------|------|
| F | Dec. 16 | Ypsilanti | Home | 6:00 |
| Tu | Dec. 20 | Ann Arbor Huron | Away | 6:00 |
| W | Dec. 28 | Lansing Eastern Tournament | Away | TBA |
| Th | Dec. 29 | Lansing Eastern Tournament | Away | TBA |
| Tu | Jan. 3 | Highland Park | Home | 6:00 |
| Tu | Jan. 10 | New Boston Huron | Away | 6:00 |
| Tu | Jan. 17 | Taylor Truman | Home | 6:00 |
| F | Jan. 20 | Adrian | Away | 6:00 |
| F | Jan. 27 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Away | 6:00 |
| Tu | Jan. 31 | Marine City | Away | 6:00 |
| F | Feb. 3 | Ypsilanti | Away | 6:00 |
| Tu | Feb. 7 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 6:00 |
| F | Feb. 10 | River Rouge | Home | 6:00 |
| Tu | Feb. 14 | Wyandotte | Away | 5:30 |
| F | Feb. 17 | Adrian | Home | 6:00 |
| Tu | Feb. 21 | Ypsilanti-Lincoln | Home | 6:00 |

Head Coach: Dan Henry; Assistant Coach: Ron Harper

Volleyball

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|---------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| F | Dec. 16 | Taylor Tournament (JV) | Away | TBA |
| Sa | Dec. 17 | Taylor Tournament (V) | Away | TBA |
| Th | Dec. 22 | Romulus Tournament (JV) | Home | 2:00 |
| Th | Dec. 29 | Romulus Tournament (V) | Home | 8:30a |
| W | Jan. 4 | Ypsilanti | Home | 6:00 |
| Sa | Jan. 7 | Oscoda Invitational (V) | Away | 8:30a |
| W | Jan. 11 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 6:00 |
| Sa | Jan. 14 | Carlson Invitational (V) | Away | TBA |
| M | Jan. 16 | Tri-Meet — Edsel Ford/Howell | Away | 5:00 |
| W | Jan. 18 | Adrian | Home | 6:00 |
| Sa | Jan. 21 | Jefferson Invitational (V) | Away | TBA |
| Sa | Jan. 21 | Plymouth Invitational (JV) | Away | TBA |
| W | Jan. 25 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Home | 6:00 |
| Sa | Jan. 28 | Jefferson Invitational (JV) | Away | TBA |
| M | Jan. 30 | Ypsilanti | Away | 6:00 |
| Th | Feb. 2 | Monroe St. Mary/Lincoln Park (JV) | Home | 4:00 |
| Sa | Feb. 4 | University of Michigan — Dearborn (V) | Away | TBA |
| W | Feb. 8 | Ann Arbor Huron | Away | 6:00 |
| Th | Feb. 9 | Romulus Roman Tournament (JV) | Home | 3:00 |
| Sa | Feb. 11 | Romulus Roman Tournament (V) | Home | 8:30a |
| W | Feb. 15 | Adrian | Away | 6:00 |
| Sa | Feb. 18 | Lincoln Park (JV) | Away | TBA |
| Th | Feb. 23 | Highland Park/Clarenceville | Home | 5:30 |
| Sa | Feb. 25 | Lincoln Park Tournament (V) | Away | TBA |

Head Coach: Gail Coleman; Assistant Coach: Dennis Stoh

Wrestling

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|---------|---|-------|-------|
| Th | Dec. 15 | Ypsilanti (V, JV) | Away | 6:30 |
| Sa | Dec. 17 | John Glenn Invitational (V) | Away | TBA |
| Sa | Dec. 17 | Ypsilanti-Lincoln (JV) | Away | 8:00 |
| Tu | Dec. 20 | Clarenceville (JV) | Home | 5:30 |
| Tu | Dec. 20 | Southgate Anderson (V) | Home | 5:30 |
| F | Dec. 23 | Cardinal Stritch | Away | 10a |
| W | Dec. 28 | Melvindale Invitational (V, JV) | Away | TBA |
| Tu | Jan. 10 | Ypsilanti, John Glenn | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Jan. 12 | Adrian (V, JV) | Away | 6:30 |
| Sa | Jan. 14 | Toledo Waite Invitational (V) | Away | TBA |
| Sa | Jan. 14 | Lincoln Park Invitational (JV) | Away | TBA |
| Th | Jan. 19 | Ann Arbor Pioneer (V, JV) | Home | 6:30 |
| Th | Jan. 19 | Belleville (9th) | Away | 3:30 |
| Sa | Jan. 21 | Jeff Hicks Invitational (Monroe; V, JV) | Away | TBA |
| Sa | Jan. 21 | Garden City (9th, 10th) | Away | 10:30 |
| W | Jan. 25 | Monroe Invitational (JV) | Away | 5:00 |
| Th | Jan. 26 | Ann Arbor Huron (V, JV) | Away | 6:30 |
| Sa | Jan. 28 | South Central Conference Meet | Home | 10a |

Head Coach: Norman Butler

chaperons of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) from Romulus High School visited the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia.

Led by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Robert L. Burgess, the group departed Selfridge Air National Guard Base aboard a Navy C-9 aircraft in the early-

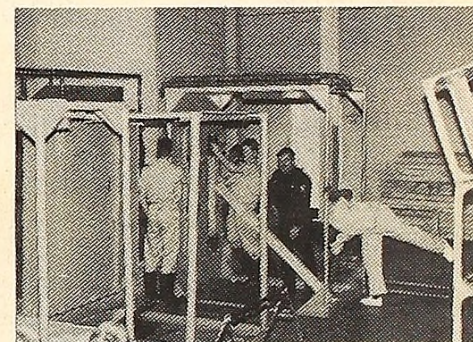
morning hours of November 28, and returned in the wee hours of December 2.

Cadets received training in fighting shipboard casualties such as fire and flooding. They learned how Naval ships are maneuvered in restricted waters and were introduced to the principles of amphibious operations. They rode an amphibious landing craft (Mike boat) and visited a guided missile destroyer and a submarine rescue vessel. They toured a helicopter squadron, a carrier-based early-warning squadron (the Hawkeyes), and the Atlantic Fleet weather center.

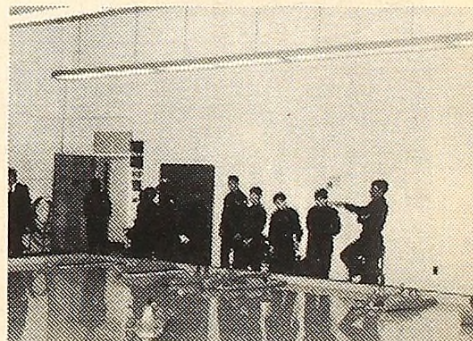
The students also toured the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia. They dined in the enlisted dining facilities, lived in the Navy barracks, and, in the evenings, went to the Base gymnasium and the Navy Exchange. □



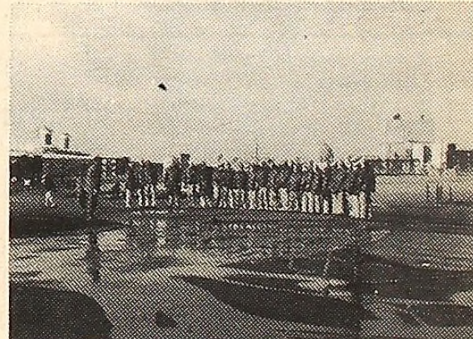
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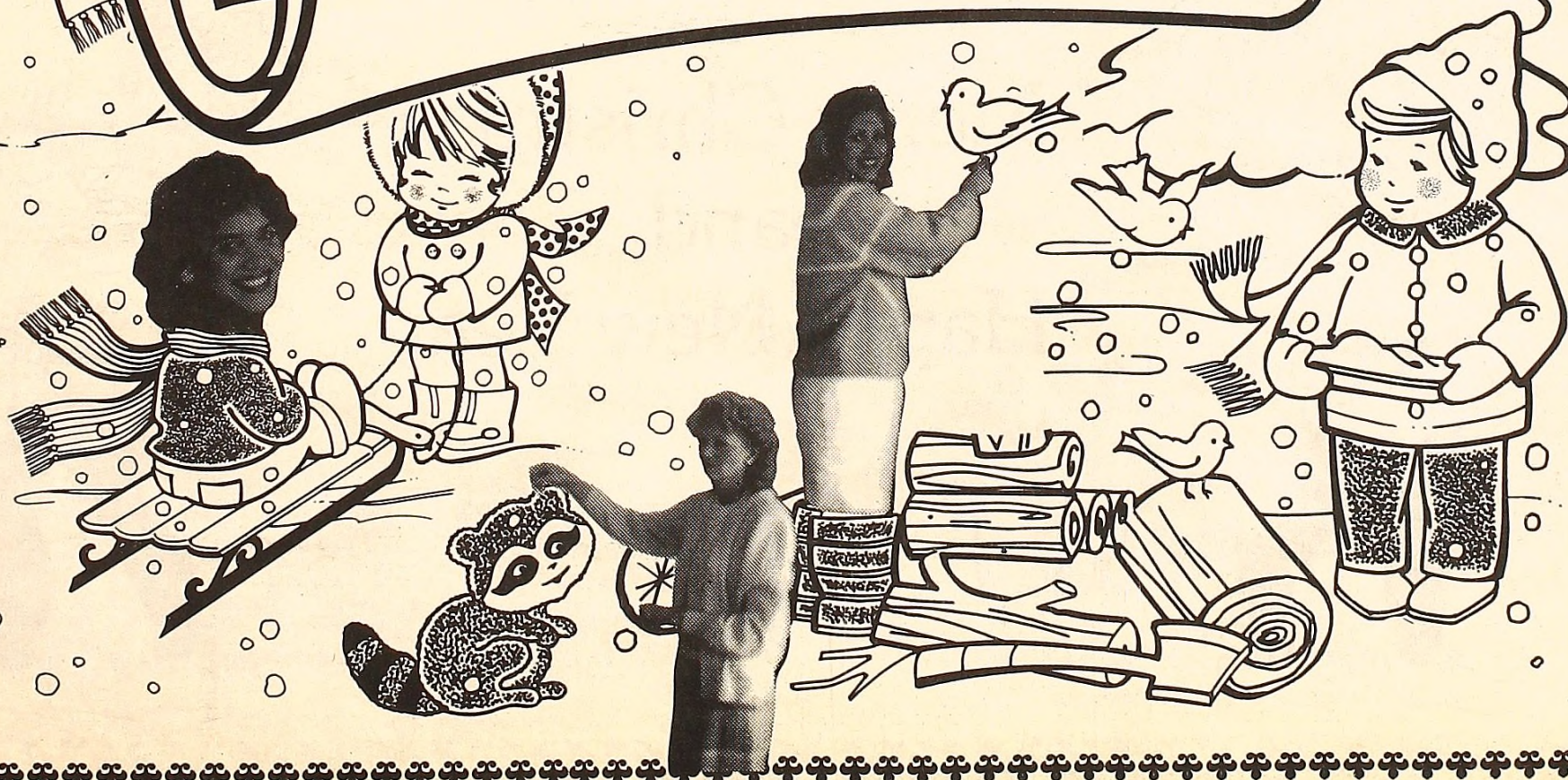
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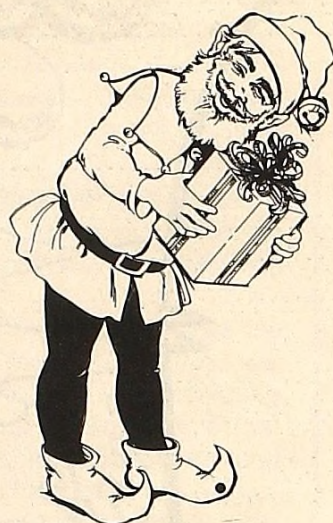
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JUNK MAIL

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appreciation, chose to remain silent. I know I would.

Recently, since I had nothing better to do, I saved all the junk mail sent to me in one week. My conclusion, folks, is my mailbox needs major renovation — perhaps a dormer would help. *Twenty-two* pieces of trash mail in six days! Projected over one year, that's 1,250 pieces, with no padding for extra mailings during the holiday season (usually from mid-July to the end of December).

Most of the junk was addressed to "Resident," with a few starting, "Dear Valued Customer." Of course, our country's marketing giants realize this may be a tad impersonal. Perhaps that's why one letter began, "To Our Friends At," followed by my address. Actually, I'd be impressed, and more likely to read their stuff, if they were honest and said something like, "Hey! You at 321 Elm Street — check this out!"

One piece in that week's avalanche was pushing "Designer Decks" for homeowners who had somehow muddled through the years without one. The text explained these decks would add

living space and value to your home. Also mentioned were low maintenance, a "limited" warranty, and credit plans available for all. The credit plan is what interested me most. There was no mention of price, but the decks pictured in the ad surely cost more than the total sum of my house and car, my Soupy Sales Birdbath Membership, and my world-renowned collection of Lake Erie seashells. This was wasted on me.

Paul Davidson or Current Resident (I'm the latter; I haven't the foggiest who Mr. Davidson is) received a snazzy, colorful piece singing the praises of a line of French cosmetics. It began, "Introducing Rendez-vous de l'elegance. The rich, warm colors of autumn come together to enhance the beauty of a gesture, add enigma to a glance. And telegraph your secret thoughts." Huh? Are they selling lipstick or trying to write a steamy romance novel? There was, however, one product in this group, a skin cream, that was mildly interesting. The cream was designed "to work with your skin's elements to help retain moisture and prevent dehydration." The older I get, the drier I get. During winter, I shed dry skin faster than Tom Monaghan sheds money. I've slapped on tons of Noxema through the years, but, who knows? Maybe this French stuff could

stave off a slow and painful death by dehydration.

I should tell you, there was one piece of mail I felt worthy of serious study. This "All-American SALE" was hawking men's and women's clothing. The clothes were okay, but what was exceptionally interesting were the people chosen to adorn these duds. These folks were young, looking good, and I wonder where they all hang out? Nobody I know looks like that. The first page shows a young couple lounging, with arms firmly entwined, on the richly polished wooden deck of their yacht. There's an empty wine bottle nearby, whose contents had obviously made these beautiful people extremely mellow. As they tenderly gaze into one another's eyes, it's apparent they're very much in love. It's very touching. They don't seem at all concerned with clothing but, what the heck, as beautiful as these people are, they'd look great in the tattered rags I wear.

While researching this stuff, it occurred to me that junk mail has never sent me out shopping. If there's an item I want, I don't wait for an appropriate mailing. . . . I go and buy it. However, perhaps I should reconsider my impulsive ways and wait for the right sale to hit my mailbox. I suspect that, by the time that happened, I'd no longer feel a need for it. And wouldn't that be great! □

Just a Note . . .

This time of year has a way of making us look back over the past year. For me, it has been a sad year, but I also remember all the good things, too. The kindness that everyone showed to Dana will never be forgotten. Because of it, Dana was able to enjoy the last few months of her life.

Thank you, and I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

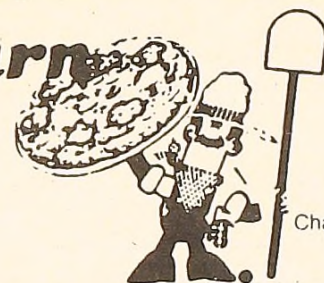
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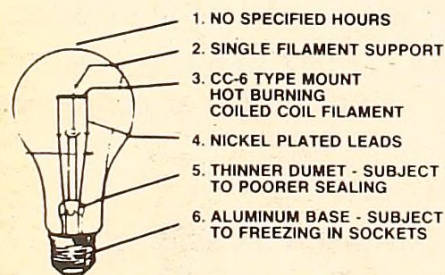
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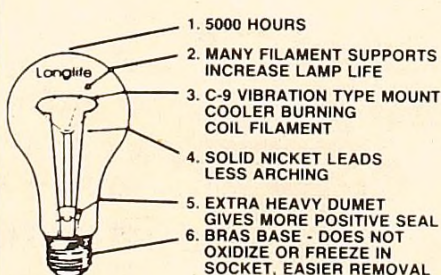
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News from the Treasurer

by James Napiorkowski, Treasurer, City of Romulus

It is that time of year again — taxes. We have finished sending out the last of the 1988 Winter Tax bills. We are already receiving calls from residents wanting information about some of the items listed on the tax bill.

The most popular question is in regard to the item marked 'Jail.' This was approved by the voters in Wayne County during the Presidential Primary earlier this year. This is a one (1) mill levy that will be used toward the construction of a new County Jail facility in the near future.

Another item that appears on the majority of the tax bills is for County Drains. If you are being assessed for the drains, they are listed on your tax bill with a letter and number designation with the abbreviation DR following it. Remember that not all tax bills will have this special assessment.

Also, there have been some changes in the millage rates for a few of the taxing entities, which are as follows:

| Summer Tax Billing | 1988 Rate | 1987 Rate |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| City Operating | 9.05 | 9.20 |
| Sanitation | .92 | .80 |
| Sewer Debt | .70 | .70 |
| PCHA | .20 | .20 |
| Romulus Schools | 24.60 | 24.60 |

| Winter Tax Billing | 1988 Rate | 1987 Rate |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| County Operating | 7.02 | 7.06 |
| Jail | 1.00 | — |
| ISD/Special Education | 2.10 | 1.10 |
| Community College | 1.00 | .88 |
| H C Metro Parks | .24 | .24 |
| Romulus Schools | 24.55 | 24.55 |

The rates shown above do not include any of the special assessments that may have been added to your bill for drains, delinquent water accounts, weed cutting, etc.

For those of you that have your taxes paid with your mortgage payment, you will be receiving an information copy in the mail. Some of these information copies had to be reproduced from the original that went to the mortgage company. If the bill you receive is printed in black ink or it states that it is an information copy, you *do not* have to pay from these bills.

If you reside in the Woodhaven School District, your total school millage was 44.76, which was split in half for each tax billing, as was done with the Romulus school taxes.

If you are a resident in the Wayne/Westland school district, your total millage was 48.00, which all appears on your Winter Tax bill.

A reminder to all residents who have qualified for the Summer Tax deferment: you have until February 28, 1989, to pay both tax bills without hav-

ing to pay any penalties. All other tax payers have until February 14, 1989, to pay before any additional penalties are added on.

If you have any additional questions about your tax bills, please feel free to call my office at 942-7580, and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. □

Winter Brings Fire

by D. A. Atkins

With the onslaught of winter, fires are on the increase in Romulus. Winter months always present a fire-hazard problem because of faulty furnaces, kerosene heaters, wood-burning stoves, and more.

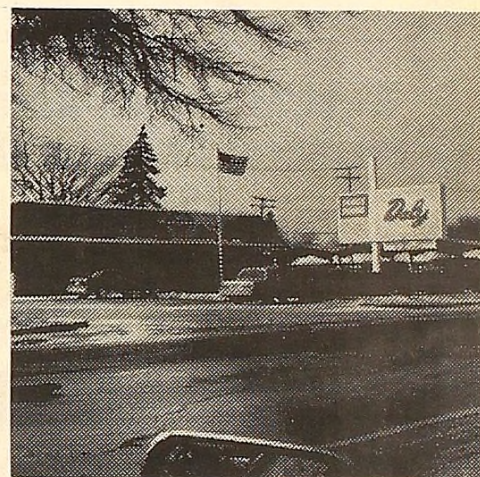
On December 12, at approximately 8:05 a.m., the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department received an alarm for 8253 Middle Belt near Smith Road. When Station #2 trucks got to the scene, fire had engulfed the downstairs area of the home, according to Romulus Fire Chief William Greenslait. A neighbor had

smelled something burning sometime between 6 and 6:30 a.m., but thought that, possibly, someone had just burned some food.

The Chief said the mother was very brave and wanted her children saved, and had no regard for her own welfare. The firemen brought in the ladder truck and brought the mother and two children out of the house through the upstairs window. All are safe; now, the family's clean-up job begins.

Chief Greenslait said the Romulus Police Department did an excellent job of traffic control while the firemen worked at saving the mother, children, and house.

In another incident, Daly's Drive-In, on Huron River Drive near Five Points, had what Greenslait called a vent fire, which caused approximately \$10,000 in damage. He said the roof had to have holes knocked in it, and all the food that was in the building had to be destroyed. As of December 12, however, things were back under control, and Daly's had resumed business as usual — once again, thanks to our excellent fire department and the many devoted firemen who do not hesitate to put their lives on the line when necessary. □

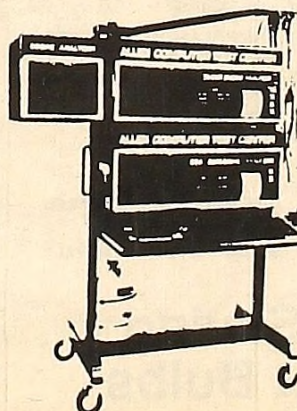


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Still a Child at Heart

by Mary Clark

Memories. Aren't they remarkable? My mind was flooded with memories of past Christmases as I watched the lovely people at the Romulus Towers decorate the Christmas tree, sing carols, and, later, have cookies and coffee. If the other people there were as sentimental as I am, I am sure that, even though there were no children present, in their 'mind's eye' they were visualizing their own children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I could just picture them with shining eyes and looks of wonder on their faces as the tree gradually became a piece of art just for their pleasure.

This tree-trimming party was a lovely thing. It was a great pleasure to have so many attending, as was the singing led by Pat and Milo Mays. They led the caroling and, later, did a program for us that included some hymns. Mr. Mays did a recitation that was beautiful. Of course, it was about two children and their anxieties and prayers on Christ-

mas Eve. Their prayers were answered, and Santa paid them the visit that made them so happy on Christmas morning.

The tree-trimming at the Towers is an annual affair. We who live there are very blessed with the warmth, goodwill, Christmas spirit, and friendliness that are so apparent every day. This is proof that a spirit of goodwill can be felt all year. It is demonstrated by the way we look out for one another, do little favors for each other, and just behave like all-around good folks.

Yes, I really feel fortunate to have been a part of the festivities this year, and I'm already looking forward to another year. Thanks to Jean and the office staff for providing such a wonderful evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of the lovely people at the Tower who have been so kind, and to wish them the joy and peace of the holiday season now and throughout the coming year. □

THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

Thanks to Marilyn Masters, Barbara Schultz, and Jean Smith for contributing information to this issue's "Senior Class" news.

Upcoming Events at Romulus Towers

On Wednesday, December 14, Romulus Community High School's baking class will bring desserts (Christmas cookies and pies) to the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. All residents are welcome, so please show your appreciation for this wonderful group of students by attending.

The Towers' Holiday Potluck Birthday Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 5 p.m. in the beautifully decorated Multi-Purpose Room. (There will be free Bingo after dinner.)

Those celebrating December birthdays are: Vicky Bristow, Nellie Kornelson, Mildred Lattin, Mary Barnes, Floyd Crandall, Leona Dudley, Roy Livingston, and Elizabeth "Betty" Mack. I want to wish each of them a very happy day!

On Tuesday, December 20, YMCA Indian Guides and their parents will sing for Towers residents in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7 p.m. All residents are invited.

Travelers Returned

Ricky "Butch" Covertt and Irene Nowakowski recently enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Grand Ol' Opry and other points of interest. I sure wish I'd been with them!

Holiday Plans

Jean Smith, Romulus Towers Manager, will spend Christmas in Utah this year. She will be visiting her daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren. I'm sure she'll enjoy her holiday there, surrounded by the gorgeous, snow-covered mountains of that area.

Laura (from the Towers office) will be spending Christmas Eve at home, entertaining her family.

My plans are to spend Christmas Eve with my daughters and all of my grandchildren and great grandchildren, and that's the best present ever. Dave, my son-in-law, has promised to take a picture of me surrounded by the entire flock!

Homestead Property Tax Credit

Beginning January 2, 1989, forms for your tax credit will be available in the Treasurer's Office at City Hall. If you have been sent a form from the State of Michigan, the Treasurer's Office will be glad to assist you in filling it out. The following is a list of information you will need to bring:

- Social Security number,
- interest amounts and statements,
- pension benefits (bring statement if available),
- Social Security benefits (bring statement if available),
- Veteran's disability compensation (bring statement if available),
- the amount of health-insurance premiums paid by you for yourself and your family,
- auto insurance papers indicating the

amount paid for *bodily injury*,

- all other household income,
- 1988 summer and winter tax bills,
- and the total heating costs for the calendar year of 1988.

Once you gather together all of the above information, you may call the Treasurer's Office at 942-7554 to make your appointment. (Appointments will begin on Tuesday, December 27, 1988.)

News from the Senior Center

If you like the feel of magic fingers going up and down your spine, the Senior Center is the place for you. Massages will be given to seniors on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Center, free of charge. You'll find it very relaxing!

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caused by an infection in either your tooth or gums. The symptoms include pain, swelling, and, possibly, a discharge of pus. A dental infection will *not* get better on its own; ignoring an abscess could eventually affect the adjacent teeth and even your general health (fever).

The best thing you can do is take a pain reliever (aspirin), but *do not* put the pain reliever next to the aching, swollen area — it could chemically burn the gums. Avoid extremely hot, cold, or sweet foods, and remove any food particles from your mouth by rinsing with warm water. Place an ice pack on your cheek in the area to keep the swelling down. See your dentist as soon as possible so the condition does not become worse.

If a swelling on the lower jaw becomes so large that you find it difficult to move your tongue, swallow, or breathe, do not wait for the next morning to see your dentist — go to the hospital emergency room. If a swelling on the upper jaw becomes so large that your eye is swollen shut, you can't move your eyes, or you see double, the same instructions apply — do not wait for the next morning to see the dentist; go to the hospital emergency room.

If you have a tooth that has been knocked completely out, locate the tooth immediately, and then gently rinse it off and replace it in the proper position in your mouth. If you cannot do this, or are afraid of swallowing the tooth, put the tooth in a glass of milk and get to a dentist within 30 minutes. If you do this, you will have a 90% chance that the tooth will re-implant.

If one of your crowns comes off intact, and is not damaged, your dentist may be able to cement it back in place. Put the crown in a safe place so you don't lose it. Do not try to put it back in place yourself, since you may not get it in right, and therefore may risk swallowing it.

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There will be a Secret Pal luncheon on Monday, December 19, at noon. If you have been a secret pal in 1988, please come and bring a gift for your 'pal.' Those interested in participating in the 1989 Secret Pal group, please come and join in, and bring a dish to pass.

Tuesday, December 20, is the day of the Center's Potluck Dinner. The 'chefs' will cook roast beef; all others should bring a dish to pass.

The Center will be closed from December 23 through December 26, and no classes will be held during the week of December 26. □

Letter to the Editor

I attended a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, held at Romulus City Hall and hosted by Metro Airport officials. At this meeting, progress on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Planning Study and the Master Plan Update were discussed. This was followed by a question and answer session.

As both a 22 year resident and Councilman of the City of Romulus, it was very gratifying to see the progress that has been made in communications between the Airport Authority and the Citizens of Romulus. This "open door" communication policy was started back in the Oakley/Lucas administrations and has continued, with even more vigor, through the McNally/McNamara administrations. For the first time in the years that I have been a resident of this city the Airport management, under the able direction of Richard Jamison, Director of Airports and Daniel Kerber, Deputy Director, has been making a serious attempt to establish a good neighbor rapport with the City of Romulus and its residents. These men have demonstrated a professionalism that was lacking in previous airport administrations.

As an elected official for the City, I am quite aware of the number of serious problems and concerns facing this community in relation to the airport. I

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have committed myself to the difficult task of trying to find answers in the spirit of good will and peaceful co-existence and although the relationship is far from perfect, open communications is a giant step in the right direction and I applaud all concerned.

William Wadsworth, Councilman
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Eight Charged with Mail Fraud

A federal grand jury in San Antonio, Texas, has returned an indictment charging eight individuals with up to 34 violations of the mail-fraud and money-laundering statutes in connection with a maze of boiler rooms that have operated continuously from the San Antonio area since 1984.

Those indicated were James William Arthur; his son, James Allen Arthur; Arthur's attorney, J. Mack Ausburn; Jesse C. Ridings, Jr.; R. L. Bramble; James G. Newhouse; Richard T. Ehrhart; and Dwight Westenberger. All are San Antonio area residents, except Jesse Ridings, who is currently in Sacramento, California. Ridings was indicted in Los Angeles on mail fraud charges in July of this year for a similar previous scheme he conducted. The defendants are currently being located and arrested.

The mail fraud scheme the defendants were charged with conducting involved the mailing of millions of solicitation letters, which purported to offer the recipient a free boat and motor if he simply called a given telephone number within 72 hours.

Consumers who called the requisite telephone number were given a pitch by a "boiler room" sales person to induce the caller to purchase advertising specialty items such as ball-point pens and key chains. The caller also learned during this call that he would have to pay \$89 in shipping and handling charges for the boat and motor. Many victims of the scheme received nothing for their \$89, while others received a small inflatable raft worth significantly less than \$89.

The indictment alleges the defendants formed numerous companies and corporations using fictitious names for the purpose of deceiving victims and to permit the defendants to evade criminal and civil actions filed against them. The following companies are named in the indictment as having been operated by the defendants: U.S. Business Printers, Jamich Freight Forwarders, JJMJJ Investments, Inc., Georgio Freight Forwarders, Inc., Marketing Survey Associates, JJJJM Investments, Inc., MJJJJ Investments, Inc., JJJJMM Investments, Inc., MMJJJJ Investments, Inc., Business Image Consultants, Design Image Consultants, Star Data Consultants, Cross-Mark Enterprises, Inc., Printers Clearing House, Inc., Embassy Incentives, Boat Offer, Vacation Offer, Alamo Financial Consultants, Bestco Distributing, Inc., American Incentives Corp., Viking Marketing, Inc., Na-

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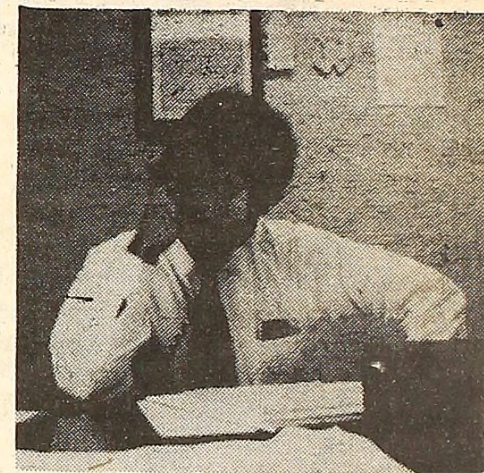
In 1985 and 1987, the Postal Service initiated civil actions in an attempt to halt the defendants' schemes. The defendants formed new companies. In September 1987, a federal grand jury in San Antonio indicted the kingpin of the operation, James William Arthur, on 12 counts of mail fraud. The defendants, including an attorney who represented Arthur, proceeded to form seven new companies, all intent on offering unwary consumers "free" boats or other gimmicks such as video cameras, wide-screen projection television systems, and electra-whirlpool hot-tubs/spas. □

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don't, you may regret it someday. You might also want to keep in mind that drinking is more prevalent during the holiday season; be extra diligent in the next month or so. □

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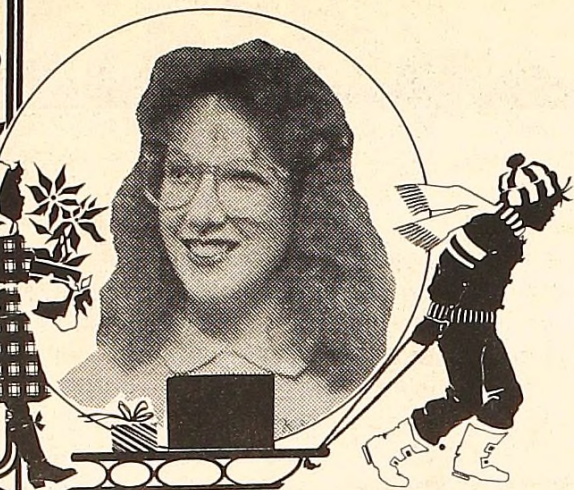
by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Now that the holiday season is upon us, there will be a lot of celebrating and parties taking place in our community. One of the obvious problems with celebrating is that most of us will consume more alcohol than during other times during the year. As most people know, when you drink and drive, you run the risk of receiving a drunk-driving ticket, along with suffering other, more serious, consequences.

One of the more common questions I receive is, "Do I have to take a breathalyzer test?"

First of all, there are now two breathalyzer tests that are usually administered during a drunk-driving arrest. The first test is called the preliminary breath test (PBT). The PBT is a portable machine carried by most patrol units. The PBT test results provide the officer with probable cause to make an arrest; however, the PBT results are not admissible at trial. The refusal to take the PBT test may result in a fine. The refusal to take the PBT does not result in an automatic suspension of driving privileges or six points on your driving record.

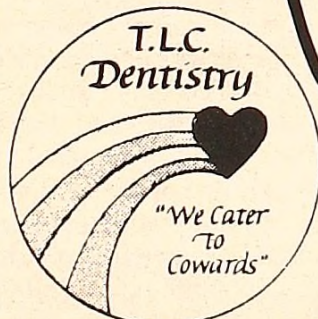
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BUSINESS BAROMETER

by D. A. Atkins

In an effort to better acquaint you with the business people in the City, a new section, called the "Business Barometer," has been added to *The Romulus News*. It will highlight the owners, reporting their activities in our town and showing you how you can benefit from their presence here.

Dave's Meat and Seafood

Dave Ralston is the owner of this new meat market, and he is not, by any means, new to the business. His store should help fill a big shopping gap in Romulus; there has not been an independent meat store in town since Campbell's Chop Shoppe closed some two or more years ago.

Dave's is a complete meat market, featuring meats by the pound, or by the side if it's beef you want. He also deals in lamb, pork, chicken, turkey, and just about any kind of seafood you could possibly desire. Fresh produce is also featured, to some extent.

Dave started as a butcher with Kroger's in 1968, remaining there until he went to work for A&P, where he stayed until 1974.

Dave wanted to further his career,

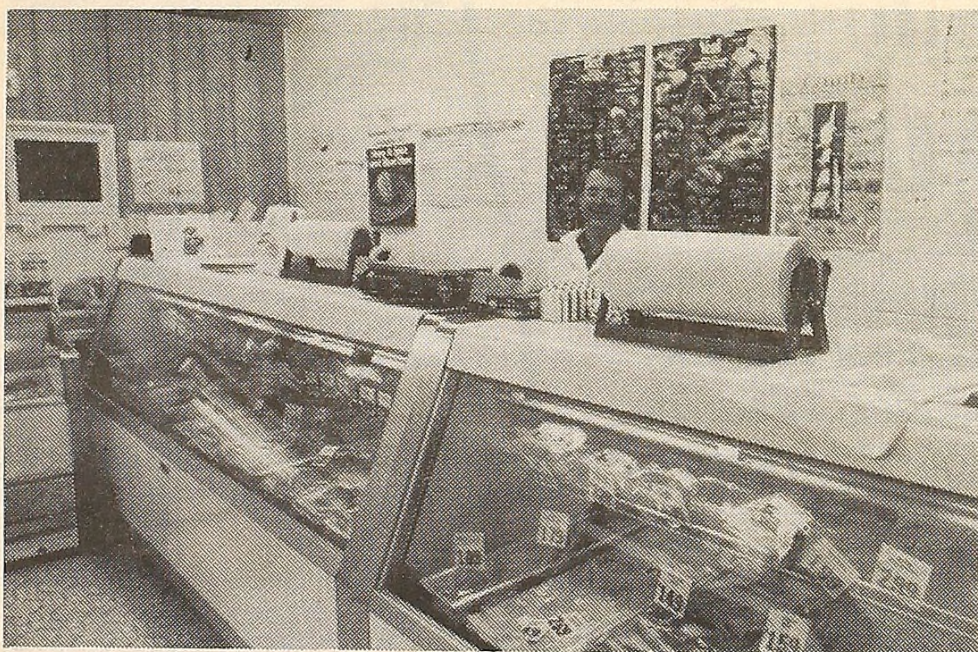
and went to work for the State of Michigan as a meat inspector. He stayed there until 1976 when, desiring to advance himself even further, he went to work for the Federal Government as a U.S.D.A. meat inspector. There he remained until this year, when he decided to go into business for himself.

Although he and his beautiful wife, Barbara, live in the Belleville area, Dave decided to open his place of business in Romulus because he perceived our need for a meat market here.

Besides Barbara, his wife, Dave's family consists of his daughter Wendy, son David, son-in-law Walter, and granddaughter Rebecca. Barbara works at the AAA Travel Agency in Detroit; Dave has also served 16 years with the Michigan National Guard.

So far, Romulus citizens have been supportive of Dave's Meat and Seafood. I have made several purchases from his market, and have always found his meats to outstanding and his prices quite competitive.

If you like really good, exceptionally tender meat, stop at Dave's. Dave's Meat and Seafood is located in Romulus in the shopping strip on Wayne Road near Wick. □



Dave Ralston behind new meat counter

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test administered at the police station. Michigan Law provides that any person operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway or other place open to the general public is considered to have given his/her consent to a breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol in his/her blood. A refusal to take the breathalyzer test probably will result in a six-month license suspension and six points on the driving record. The suspension and points are administered by the Secretary of State, and have nothing to do with any court proceedings that may take place. A successful de-

fense of the drunk-driving charge in court does not operate to discharge the suspension and points levied by the Secretary.

I hope everyone has a Safe and Merry Holiday Season.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Dave's Barber Shop

I have learned, in the last couple of years, that small businesses are not necessarily limited to small successes, and Dave's Barber Shop's satisfied customers are the living proof of the truth of that statement.

If you measure success solely on great accumulated wealth, then it is very possible that you are not totally successful. If, however, you are financially prosperous, provide good service to your customers, and love what you are doing, then you are, in my opinion, truly successful in the most important sense of the word.

Dave and his lovely wife work very hard for everything they have (as most of us do). They enjoy a business that is full of customers daily, and have been able to expand their establishment; along the way, they also have formed many friendships. (By the way, the recent remodeling job at Dave's is one of the most unique done in this town in a long time.)

Everyone knows that Dave has not had the best of health, but he works every day, and his wife does the same, right there at his side.

Devoted husband and wife, devoted customers, and devoted business people — that combination breeds nothing but success. Congratulations. □

P.J.'s Lounge

One of the more prosperous businesses in town is a club that opened just over a year ago. After completely tearing out the interior and replacing it, the new owners proceeded to remodel the outside. Since that time, those owners, Mike and Al, also have finished the badly needed job of paving the drive.

Mike and Al have taken every precaution to hire the proper type of entertainment, and the story has it that they will, in the near future, ask for an entertainment license so they can have a 'comedy club.' Comedy clubs are very popular throughout the country, and are also very successful. With the help of the Planning Commission and the City Council, the entertainment license will be obtained and we will have more selections to choose from on our 'menu of entertainment.'

Mike and Al have gone out of their way to insure that P.J.'s Lounge is a night spot that people can attend without fear of fights and other problems. They run a clean club, and intend to keep it that way.

The menu at P.J.'s is very good — in fact, for a club, you could go so far as to say it is excellent. They have one of the better chefs in the area, and the prices are right.

This year's New Year's Eve party at P.J.'s will cost \$50 per couple, which

will include an open bar, a catered meal (and more food for the rest of the night), and entertainment until 4 a.m., as well as party favors.

Romulus, according to Mike and Al, has been very good to them. They intend to be here for many years to come, and they also have plans to build two banquet rooms for wedding parties and the like.

We welcome businesses like P.J.'s, especially when the owners are as fine as these two young gentlemen. □

Officials Attend Conference

by Randy Gear, City Councilman

"Building on the past, preparing for the future, in home-town America."

This phrase was selected as this year's slogan for the 65th Annual National League of Cities Conference, held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and hosted by Raymond L. Flynn, Mayor of the City of Boston.

The purpose of the Convention, which was attended by Mayor McAnally, Councilmen Bergeron and Raspberry, Community Development Director Dennis Oakes, and myself, is a very important one — it gives elected officials a chance to learn about new and innovative projects that are being implemented across the nation and around the world. It also gives the business sector a chance to exhibit merchandise that could be used to improve services in cities and other municipalities.

During my visit, I was definitely impressed with the workshops and group discussions, many of which dealt with topics that are important, not just to the citizens of Romulus, but to people from almost every area of our country, as well. The subjects included tips for dealing with storm water, airport noise, traffic safety, responding to the crisis of drug abuse, caring for the hungry and the homeless, small-city economic development, and the landfill crisis.

As a newly elected public official, I know how important it is for all of us to work together to better our community, and learning as much as possible by participating in this kind of project helps all of us achieve that goal. □

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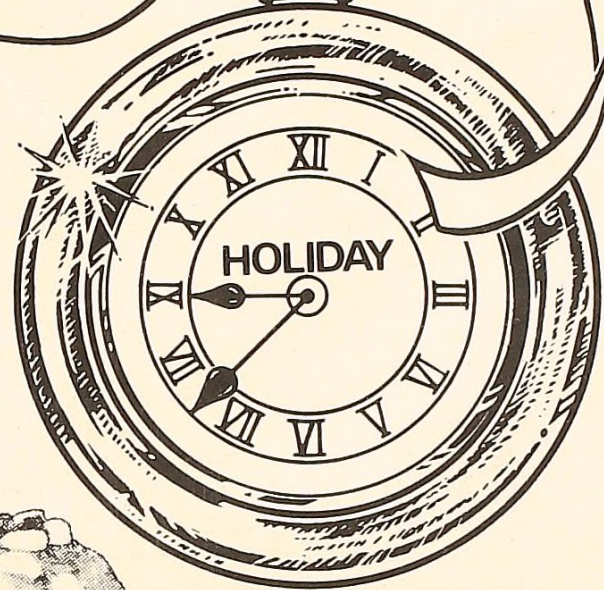
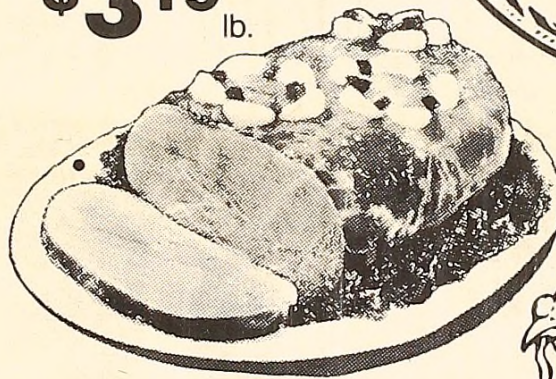
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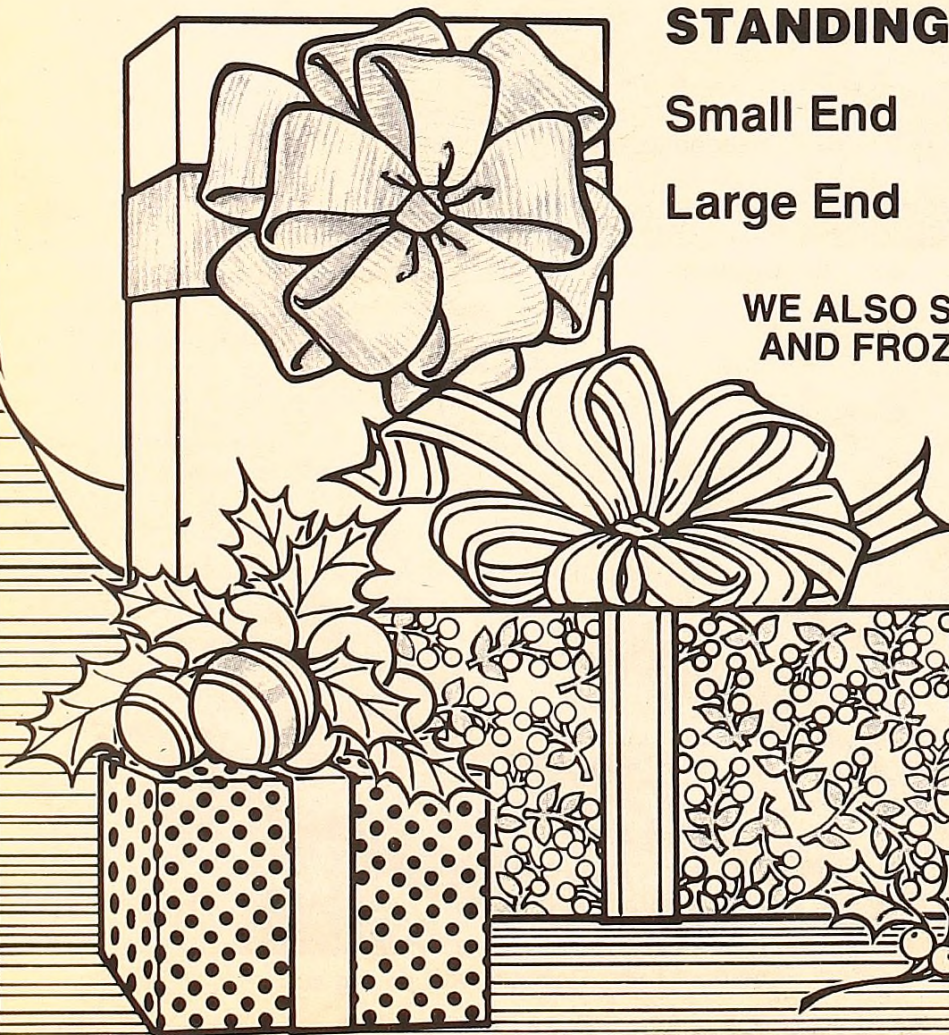
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Kiwanis Holds Christmas Party

by D. A. Atkins

The local Kiwanis had a packed-house turnout at its annual Christmas party, which was held December 1 at the Fire Station on Eureka. The Fire Station has a fairly large hall with a kitchen, which made it easy to serve all the delicious food at the party: meatballs, chicken, salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and a dessert of fruitcake and ice cream. Both the food and the meeting were great, and the Christmas tree and decorations provided by the firemen were beautiful.

Reverend Randy Swink, from the Romulus Wesleyan Church located at

Five Points, delivered a moving Christmas message, and carols were sung to a piano accompaniment by Carla Hay Cox. Next, Margie Baird performed a sort of concert on the harp. (Mrs. Baird has played the harp since she was 10 years old. Lately, however, she has spent a great deal of her time riding horses, and played for the party strictly for the enjoyment of playing.) Young Marc Herrmann played the role of Santa for the little ones — and the older ones — as Rhada Andrews handled the exchange of gifts. Fred W. Hay was the chairman of the program.

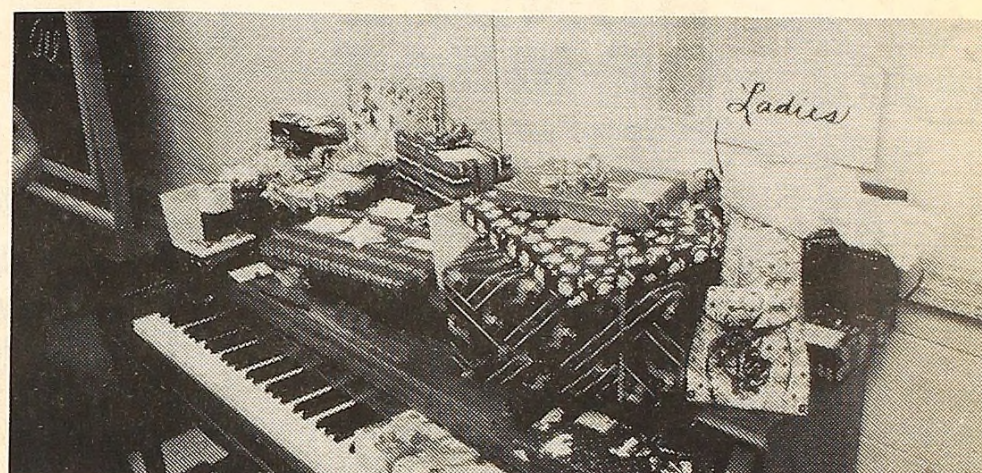
The Kiwanis is a fun organization to belong to, and it helps many people in various ways through its fund-raising efforts. A campaign to recruit new members, especially younger people, is currently underway. Larry Dobbyn, the new President of the Kiwanis, would like to see more new young people because of their eagerness to get things done. Many of the present members have served the Kiwanis faithfully for years, but now age is catching up with some of them, and some of the old 'get-up-and-go' has 'got up and left.' These 'older' people should be commended

for their great interest and the effort they have put into the Kiwanis, both in the past and the present. It is now time, however, for some 'new blood' to rejuvenate this worthwhile organization. If you think you might be interested in joining the Romulus Kiwanis, you can get in touch with Larry at 729-4526.

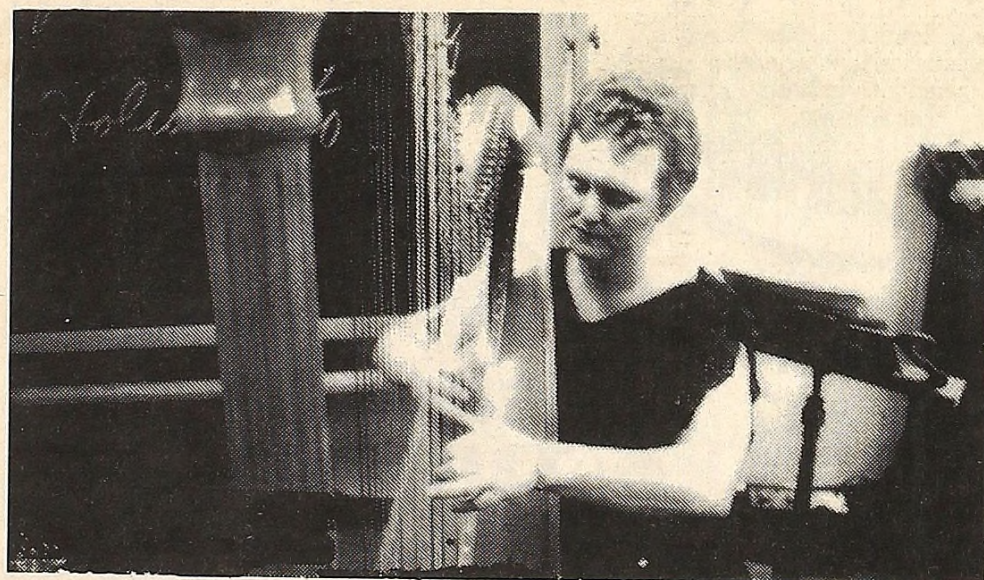
I have been invited to several meetings of the Kiwanis, and have always enjoyed myself when I get the opportunity to go. Get involved — you'll never feel like a stranger, and will always be treated like family. □



Fire Hall packed with Kiwanis members



There were presents, presents, presents



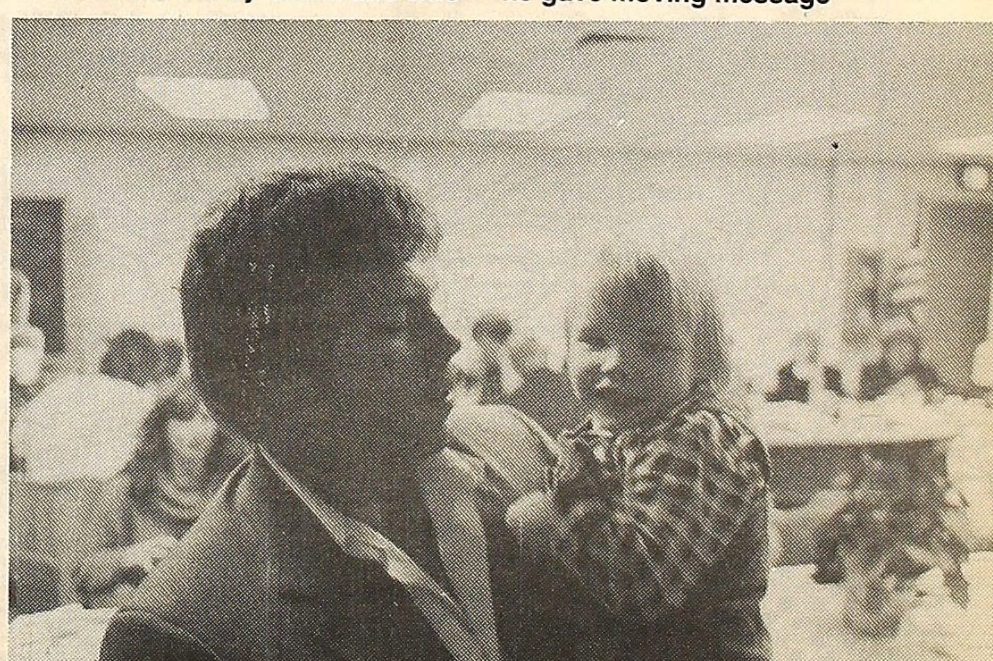
Margie Baird played beautiful harp solo



Rev. Randy Swink and wife — he gave moving message



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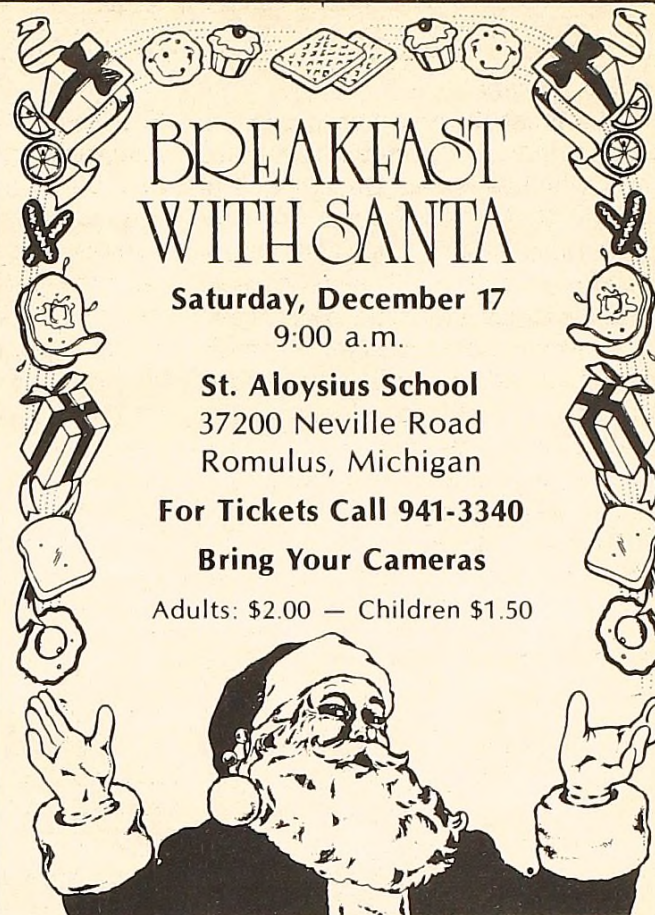
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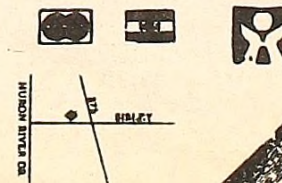
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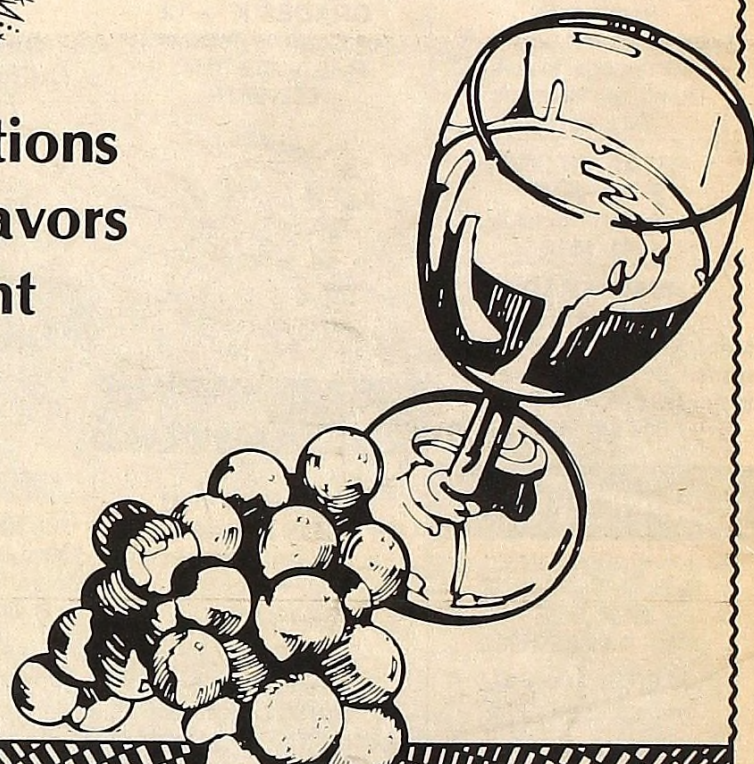
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-SPECIALS-

1/2 lb. BURGER

AND SOUP

\$2.00 DAILY

-WEDNESDAY-

SPAGHETTI

All You Can Eat

\$2.50

-FRIDAY-

**PRIME RIB
DINNER**

\$6.95



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HONEY BOYS

Limited Engagement

Wednesday is Ladies' Night —
50¢ drinks

Every Wed. thru Sat.

SHOWTIME: 9:30 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

